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EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

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Sunday Night Passed Quietly—The Papal Zouaves at Neuilly—Communal Decree to Fill the Ranks—Premises Trenches at Meudon Occupied by the Government Troops—Insurgents at Asnieres Surrounded by McMahon.

PARIS, April 17.—Last night passed quietly. The Pontifical Zouaves were engaged at close quarters yesterday at Neuilly by the Communist troops. The latter were successful and captured some colors. The spirit of the troops is good. A Communist decree provides for methodical requisitions upon the inhabitants of Paris, street by street. Another decree convokes the Syndical Chambers in order to draft the statistics of abandoned workshops, and to arrange for their reopening by workmen who are not proprietors.

LONDON, April 17.—A special dispatch to the *Times* from Versailles says the Prussian trenches on the terrace at Meudon are now occupied by the Government troops, and that sixteen guns pointing toward Forts d'Issy and Vanvres have been placed in position there. Marshal MCMAHON has succeeded in surrounding the insurgent troops at Asnieres with a strong force from the Versailles Army. The cannonading on Sunday was less continuous than for several days past. The Prussians are massing a large reinforcement to their troops in the vicinity of Paris. They have occupied a small place two kilometres south of St. Denis, and seven kilometres from Paris. The elections to fill vacancies in the Communal Council attracted but little attention. A large portion of the voters abstained from the exercise of the franchise. The *Daily News* special dispatch from Paris says a number of manufacturers have been arrested by order of the Commune for keeping their workshops open, and thereby preventing the Nationals in their employ from joining the army. It is believed that M. BLANQUI now controls all the affairs of the Commune. A dispatch from Versailles says the Government has given Paris twenty-four hours to surrender. The family of the American Minister, Mr. WASHBURNE, have left Paris. M. THIERS issued a circular on the evening of the 16th, as follows:

"The Paris insurgents are emptying their houses and selling their furniture. The Government continues to temporize, for the purpose of collecting an irresistible force, and also to allow the Parisians time to reflect. The insurgents say we shoot prisoners, and intend the overthrow of the Republic and the suppression of the subsidies of the National Guards. These statements are false. There was some cannonading today, but it was without result. Otherwise military affairs are quiet, and nothing of interest has occurred."

The correspondence of the *Independance Belge* says the end approaches. The affair at Asnieres was disastrous to the Communists, whose lines are filled with their dead. The Versailles forces are within one kilometre of the Porte des Ternes. A dispatch from Marseilles says the trials of the Communist leaders are proceeding. M. CAMINON's wife has sent a petition to President THIERS asking the pardon of her husband. The demonstration in Hyde Park yesterday, in favor of the Paris insurgents, was a failure.

Municipal Elections in Paris Decreed for May 30—The Fight at Asnieres—Efforts to Starve the Invested City.

VERSAILLES, April 17.—via LONDON.—Midnight.—The Assembly has passed a decree ordering municipal elections in Paris on the 30th inst. It is reported that a sharp engagement took place this morning near Asnieres, and that the Government troops carried the Chateau Becton, commanding the village.

PARIS, Monday Evening.—via LONDON, April 18—1½ A. M.—Cannonading and rifle firing is going on at Neuilly and the Porte des Ternes, and the sound seems to be nearing the city. Neuilly is still warmly contested. A rumor is afloat that the representatives of the United States, England and Italy are jointly urging the Communs to agree to a truce. Some National Guards having invaded the hotel of the Belgian Embassy, an immediate investigation has been ordered and arrests made. MENOTTI GARIBALDI has been elected a member of the Commune. The elections were a fiasco, few persons voting. The Commune has instituted a General Court-martial.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Joint High Commission and the Alabama Claims—The London Times Looking Ahead for Company in its Misery.

LONDON, April 17.—The *Times* of today has a leading editorial upon the report as to the result of the labors of the High Commission. It says:

"The case of the *Alabama* has always created a feeling of insecurity in England, and has demoralized American politics. We hail the possible settlement, and think that the arbitrators will acquit England of responsibility for the deeds of the *Alabama*."

The *Times* adds that the *Alabama* was partially fitted out at the Azores, and hence Portugal is liable to our experience. The *Times* is evidently not sanguine of an immediate settlement of the question, for it warns the British public that it is very uncertain whether a treaty will be ratified by the American Senate.

LUXEMBURG.

Alleged Intended Cession of the Duchy to Germany.

A Brussels letter, dated April 2, and printed in the *Morning Standard*, of London, says:

"There is no further room for doubt as to the future of Luxemburg. The fate of the duchy is decided; it is to be ceded to Germany. Already the ideal Government is in negotiation with the Cabinet of the Hague regarding the financial question attending the separation, such as the regulation of the amount of the national debt, the distribution of Crown properties, and kindred matters.

SCENES OF REVOLUTION.

What "Erecting Barricades" Means.

The following is an extract from a letter from Paris, dated March 30: "I suppose it has never been your lot, you happy Knickerbocker, to see a barricade erected before your very windows? I am less lucky, and can tell you exactly how the thing is done. At daybreak on the 12th inst. our quarter was overrun by the patriots of Batignolles, and from that moment it has been one continuous round of drums beating the 'rappel' and trumpets sounding the alarm. This, of itself, was sufficiently irritating for the quiet inhabitants of a usually very quiet street; but you get used to most things, and even in the occasional firing close at hand there was nothing very startling, and it only called forth an angry exclamation, and perhaps an imprecation or two against the passive 'attitude' of Government. This state of things remained unaltered until Wednesday, the 22d, but after the lamentable affair of the Place Vendome the 'patriots' of Batignolles got afraid some reprisals might be attempted, and that very evening a barricade was made at the top of the Rue de Turin, cutting it off from the Boulevard de Batignolles. A most blackguardly-looking sergeant of the National Guard came up escorted by six cut-throats, you would say, judging by their appearance. The sergeant stopped, and said to his followers, 'Evenizes-moi c'to rue, un peu leste, et faites-moi une barricade que ce soit ch.' A lieutenant passing by stopped and asked, 'Why make a barricade in that place?' The sergeant looked round with a scowl, and said, 'Je ne sais pas,' and then turned his back on the officer, who went away shrugging his shoulders. And our barricade was made 'que ce'st ch,' in stone and earth five feet high and four feet deep, with two embrasures, before which two seven-pounders were pointed, and sentinels were placed to guard this new toy. It is always surrounded by a knot of hideous-looking ruffians, dressed as National Guards, such men as one only sees during a revolution, as if they remained below ground the remainder of the time. Every day a few stones are added to 'the works,' and a smaller barricade has been constructed in front of the parcus barricade as an 'outwork.' The seven-pounders, too, have been replaced by four-pounders, as every now and then a detachment of patriots takes one of the cannons out for 'an airing.' They drag it along the Boulevard for half an hour or so, and then it is restored to its place before the embrasure. At night unsuspecting cabmen drive up our street, when they are stopped by a sentinel who crosses bayonet, and in commanding tones calls out, 'On ne passe pas!' An large fee and with praiseworthy prudence the cabmen drive rapidly away. In the day time every now and then some alarm causes the shops of the neighborhood to be hastily shut up, and the dirty guardians of our liberties are in very bad odor with the shopkeepers, especially with those who have been subjected to 'requisitions' such as five bottles of wine, 'bons' for bread, gut sans trie mauvais,' as a grocer remarked to me. How is all this to end? It seems difficult it should end without much bloodshed, but then help must come from without. The minority of the armed well-thinking men inside Paris is alarming. At the time I write there is a continual drumming going on under my windows, and cannon in the distance, but it may be a salute from a Prussian corps. Our barricade has been made, how will it be pulled down? That is the question. I am but a quarter of a century old, and without mentioning the coup d'etat and sundry émeutes, I have seen the latter years of a monarchy, an empire, two republics and two revolutions."

Capt. Hall's New Arctic Expedition.

Mr. JOHN MORRISON, an old whaler, and shipping agent resident in this City, has been authorized to make the requisite shipment of men, materials, &c., by Capt. HALL, for his new arctic expedition. Upon application, yesterday, at his office, at No. 109 South-street, Mr. MORRISON stated that a powerful Government tug-boat, sharp as a knife, top-sail schooner rig, now lying off the Washington Navy-yard, is shortly expected in this city. Her burden has lately been increased from 238 to 400 tons. On her voyage here it is proposed that a patent application of oil for feeding her furnaces be used, which, if it should prove successful, will enable her to steam with a less bulk of coal. Capt. HALL, DUNDERDON from Groton, in Connecticut, who has spent his life in whaling, is to have charge of the *Polaris*, which is the name of the craft. A scientific corps will accompany the expedition, including the eminent chemist, Dr. BESSELLS, of Heidelburg, who arrived here a few days since from Germany, and who formed one of the scientific corps on board the last North German expedition to the polar regions. The chief engineer is EMIL SCHUMAN, a Saxon, and his assistant a Scotchman named JOHN WILSON, the wages of the former is $70 a month, and of the latter $40. A phenomenon rose out with them in the shape of a Swede, named P. E. BERGMAN, who left a shipped blacksmith and fireman, for the doctor who examined him previous to his signing articles stated he had never seen such muscular development. The shoes he wears measure thirteen and one-half inches in length. The name of the first able-bodied seaman registered is W. JESSUP, of Hull, England. The wages for the position, for which the men engage, five years, is $25 a month, but it is understood that the trip will hardly exceed three years. Carpenters are to be engaged at Washington Navy-yard, while the steward named MASON, who was with Capt. HALL in his five years' exploration, returns. The twelve men who go before the mast are all chosen natives, and able to speak English if required. The engineers have been approved by Mr. HENRY L. RUTGERSON, of Broadway. It is expected by Capt. HALL that the expedition will leave this port by the 15th of next month.

The Great Fire in Atlantic County, New-Jersey—Loss $300,000.

One of the most destructive fires that has ever occurred outside of the large cities in New-Jersey, broke out on Saturday night in Atlantic County, near Newfield, and swept over a large district. The West-Jersey Railroad passes through a dense forest near Newfield, and the dryness of the atmosphere had rendered the undergrowth and dead branches of the trees so dangerous that they caught fire from a locomotive's sparks. During the day the flames crossed a hillside opposite Newfield and swept rapidly toward Great Egg Harbor River. Every effort was made by the farmers to extinguish the flames, but owing to their lack of fire apparatus they were unable to accomplish anything. Barns, dwellings and fences were burned to the ground, and nothing remained yesterday but blackened trunks of trees. The area of flame is estimated to be about two miles long and four miles wide. The river broke the progress of the flames a few miles north of Weymouth. The loss is variously estimated as $150,000 to $300,000.

Sale of the Metropolitan Hotel Furniture.

An auction sale of the Metropolitan Hotel furniture began yesterday morning. The rooms throughout the building were early filled by numerous spectators, the majority being attracted by curiosity. The hotel had a shoeless aspect, the stair-carpets having been taken up, and a great part of the furniture removed. The sale began with the bedroom furniture on the second floor. The bidding was not spirited, nor were the prices realized high. A large number of second-hand furniture-dealers were present, and there seemed to be little inclination on the part of others to bid against them. The sale will be continued daily until the furniture is all disposed of.

The French Relief Committee.

The Chamber of Commerce Relief Committee are in receipt of mail advices from Mr. CHAS. LANIER, Treasurer, dated London, April 6. Speaking of a long interview with Mr. PARKER, who had been distributing the Committee's funds in the agricultural districts of France, Mr. LANIER says: "Mr. PARKER has done our work in a most judicious manner, and we can congratulate ourselves that we placed our funds in the hands of a London Committee. Mr. PARKER is to have a very full report, with vouchers, &c.; for me, by the time I am ready to sail."

The Oceanic and the City of Paris.

The passages of the steamers *Oceanic*, of the White Star Line, and the *City of Paris*, of the Inman Line, have been made the object of moneyed wagers among a large class of our business and sporting men, and while it is not claimed that there is a race between them, yet everybody feels that both ships will be put to their best speed. While many claim that the *Oceanic's* engines are not yet working smoothly, still they believe that she can beat the *City of Paris*. Unquestionably there is considerable money staked upon what many term an ocean race, and at least ten days must elapse before the matter will be decided. The steamer *Vinyinia*, of the National line, which arrived yesterday, reports having passed both vessels on Saturday evening, between 9 and 9 o'clock. At that time the *Oceanic* was about four and a half miles ahead of the *City of Paris*, and the Pennsylvania was about twenty miles astern of them. The position of the latter vessel shows that the former vessels were going at their best speed. It is claimed that the *City of Paris* was gaining on the *Oceanic*, and from their reported position, given by a Captain of a non-interested line, it would appear to be true, was it is borne in mind that the *Oceanic* passed the Eastern Channel, while the *Oceanic* went around by the way of the main ship channel, which adds a trifle to the time.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

A Attempted Murder in the Bowery.

About 6½ o'clock last evening HYAM BLESSING, of No. 220 Mott-street, was walking in the Bowery with his wife, RACHEL, and when opposite No. 164 they met one JOHN MCGOLDRICK, of No. 161 Bowery. Mrs. BLESSING made a violent assault upon MCGOLDRICK, whose hat being knocked off, he was stooping over to pick it up, when BLESSING sprung upon him with a large knife, with which he made a severe but not dangerous wound in the lower part of the back. The Bowery was crowded at the time, and the affray caused the wildest excitement, which soon attracted the Police to the spot, but BLESSING had already fled, and was beyond pursuit for the moment. Officer LANE, of the Tenth Precinct, however, arrested Mrs. BLESSING, who, with the injured man, was taken to the Eldridge-street Police Station. In her examination before the officer in charge, Mrs. BLESSING stated that MCGOLDRICK had seduced their daughter and had afterward refused to marry her. She was locked up to await further judgment before a Magistrate. Soon afterward BLESSING was also arrested by Officer MCLAUGHLIN, and was locked up in a cell of the same Station-house.

The Cliff-Street Arson Case.

Fire-Marshal MCKEAGON yesterday examined witnesses in the Cliff-street arson case, an account of which was published in the TIMES of yesterday morning.

WM. F. FREEMAN testified that he is in the employ of the firm of FREEMAN & WRIGHT, and is a son of James FREEMAN, one of the members. The latter has been absent from the City about a month past on business. Witness was at the store on Saturday, until about 6½ o'clock, and left GEORGE W. MAY, the prisoner, there; and, within a week past, Mr. MAY had left the store in the same manner, or before witness, but since that time has always remained later, saying he had writing to do; he kept the books of the firm.

Chief Engineer PERLEY, of the Fire Department, who was among the first who entered the store, described the condition of the second floor very much as it was stated in the TIMES yesterday. At first large fires had evidently been made on the counters, as the safe door was open, and books and papers were scattered about in great confusion.

GEORGE MCLAUGHLIN, foreman of Engine No. 32, said his company was first on the ground, and on breaking the door open they found the back window raised; that they supposed they had been fixed from the inside.

Several other witnesses were examined, but nothing of importance was elicited, and Mr. NAYE was discharged.

Another Bake-Shop Affray.

Yesterday afternoon MARY ANN STEWART, who lives in Fifty-fifth street, near Broadway, went into the bake-shop at the corner of Seventh-avenue and Fifty-third-street, where she became engaged in a quarrel with AUGUST REINHARDT. During the wrangle she either fell or was pushed down by him, and received a dangerous cut on the head. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital and REINHARDT was locked up.

The End of a Murderer.

In February last a disturbance occurred in MAXIMILIAN'S saloon, South Amboy, during which a man named MCNALLY killed a German. MCNALLY escaped, but afterward secretly visited his home. On the 16th of March he hired a man named HERMAN to ferry him over to Perth Amboy, and on the following day the boat was found drifting bottom upwards. Thursday MCNALLY's body floated ashore at South Amboy. On Saturday morning HERMAN's body was found near the same place.

Various Phases of Crime.

Some time ago a broker in Broad-street was approached by an offer of a partnership by a gentleman who said he was from California, and would put in a capital of $25,000 at once. The arrangement was made, and the partnership formed, and all went well until Saturday, when the new member of the firm disappeared. Yesterday it was ascertained that he had drawn from the bank his entire proportion of capital, and $17,000 besides. No trace of the missing man has been found.

Capt. MAHONEY, master of the American ship *Victor*, was brought before United States Commissioner SHIELDS, yesterday, on a charge of assaulting TIMOTHY HAYES, a seaman, with a large piece of iron on the high seas. In the absence of witnesses, who were, it is supposed, spirited away, the case was adjourned until Wednesday.

At the Essex Market Police Court, yesterday, before Judge LEDWITH, JOHN GUS, a German, residing at No. 53 Chrystie-street, was held to answer for striking LAWRENCE BIEHL three times on the head with a cavalry sabre.

In the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, before Judge WOODRUFF, a large quantity of distilled spirits, seized by the officers of the Revenue at No. 309 Avenue A, was condemned and ordered to be sold.

FREDERICK CRETZ, the Italian, who was arrested on Sunday evening for stabbing PATRICK FINE, PETER HACKETT, JAMES BOWMAN, and CHARLES MASON, on the Hoboken ferry-boat, on a previous day committed suicide in the cell-room at No. 309 Avenue A, was committed to the Coroner. CRETZ with a pistol. CRETZ claims that the complainants, with others, assaulted his wife, and then beat him before leaving Hoboken. After they got on the boat, the gang of ruffians repeated the assault, and MCKEON struck him with a pistol, when CRETZ drew the knife to defend himself. The case, after long and animated discussion, Justice HOGAN adjourned the case until today, when both sides can be heard.

Recorder HACKETT sent BELLA COLE to State Prison for two years and six months, yesterday, for stealing jewelry belonging to JENNIE CLINE, of No. 139 East Twelfth-street. He also sent MICHAEL ROONEY to the Penitentiary for one month for taking a watch and chain from THOS. CHRISTOPHER, of No. 644 North-street.

Dr. CUSHMAN yesterday made a post-mortem examination of the body of Rev. GEO. BRADLEY, the Indian agent, who dropped dead on Saturday. The cause of death was found to be disease of the heart. The remains were taken in charge by Rev. W. L. HARRIS, No. 808 Broadway, and will be forwarded to Michigan.

Tammany Society—Election at Sachems.

A meeting of the Tammany Society was held last evening at the Wigwam for the election of Sachems. Among those who attended were Sheriff BRENNAN, Mayor HALL, District-Attorney GARVIN, Judge BEDFORD, Surrogate HUTCHINGS, and a large sprinkling of the lesser lights of the party conspicuous by their dyed mustachios and big diamonds. The election was a cut and dried affair.

The following ticket, the same as last year, was elected unanimously: Grand Sachem, WM. M. TWEED; Sachems, Peter B. Sweeny, Richard B. Connolly, A. Oakey Hall, Matthew T. Brennan, Isaac Bell, John Jay Bradley, Charles O. Cornell, Nathaniel Jarvis, Jr., E. B. Hart, Douglas Taylor, James S. Nicholson, Samuel B. Garvin, Joseph Dowling; Secretary, Wilson Small; Sagamore, George Boome.

The Gold Exchange—Semi-Annual Report of the Treasurer.

A special meeting of the Gold Exchange was held yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the semi-annual report of the Treasurer, R. L. EDWARDS, Esq. The report showed a balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1870, of $136,360 20. The receipts were $26,701 10. The expenditures were $20,976 41, of which were expended for salaries, $10,826 66; for repairs, frescoing, &c., $2,112 40; for appropriations, $6,500. The assets of the Exchange amount to $135,622 89, and there is a balance on hand of $72,564 54. The report was adopted.

The Fair for St. Mary's Hospital.

The display of beautiful and useful articles for sale at the Fair in behalf of St. Mary's Hospital, in the Brooklyn Academy of Music, was as large and tempting as ever last night. The ladies who have done so much to help forward the work were all in their places, and were, as usual, successful in persuading the visitors of both sexes to patronize them. Many of the most costly articles have already been purchased, and although the managers have not seen fit thus far to make known their receipts, it is understood that they amount to several thousand dollars. The management continues to be as perfect as ever, and those who visit the Fair seem to be pleased not less with the general appearance of the Academy than with the commendable demeanor of the persons in charge.

WASHINGTON.

The Kuklux and Deficiency Bills in the Senate.

AN EARLY ADJOURNMENT HOPEFUL.

New Conference on Both Measures—Progress of Deliberations—An Attempt to Create Fenian Sympathy—No Amnesty—Doubtful Authenticity of the Mexican Outrage Story—Iron-Clads to be Recalled from Key West—San Domingo.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Very little business has been done by either House of Congress today, beyond the formalities necessary to place the Deficiency and KUKLUX bills before Conference Committees. When the two bills were brought into the Senate from the House, soon after 12 o'clock, Mr. EDMUNDS moved that the Senate adhere to its amendments and agree to a conference, but Mr. TRUMBULL tried to have the Senate recede from its action on the amendments, from which the House disagreed, and asked for the yeas and nays on the motion he made to that effect. The motion was lost by 17 to 32, and a conference was agreed to. Senators EDMUNDS, SHERMAN and STEVENSON were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate. The Deficiency bill also went to a Conference Committee, composed, on the part of the Senate, of Messrs. COLE, MORRILL of Vermont, and BAYARD, and on the part of the House, of Messrs. DAWES, KELLEY and BECK. The Senate then held a short Executive Session, and afterward took a recess till 8½ o'clock, in the hope that the reports of the Conference Committees might then be ready for action. But at that time, there being no prospect of a speedy agreement of the conferees, and the House having adjourned till to-morrow, the Senate also adjourned.

THE CONFERENCE ON THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

The Conference Committee on the Deficiency bill had an extended meeting, and agreed as to its report except in regard to two paragraphs. These are the provision for a public park in this city, and for the life-saving apparatus on the New-Jersey coast. Mr. MORRILL is understood to hold very firmly to his plan for making a park, and New-Jersey puts in a strong plea for navigators along her dangerous coast. The Committee will meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and will, no doubt, come to some agreement before the hour for the session to begin.

FENIANS IN "BRITISH BASTILES."

The call of the States in the House brought before that body quite a number of bills and resolutions, for the most part of an unimportant character. Gen. BUTLER introduced a joint resolution to secure the consideration by the Joint High Commission of the claims against the British Government of American citizens who have been confined in "British Bastiles," as GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN calls them. No quorum voting, a call of the House was ordered, when it was discovered that 176 members—a number much greater than a quorum—was present. But nothing further was done with the resolution. Mr. KINSELLA afterward failed in an attempt to have the rules suspended to pass a Fenian resolution of similar import, but finally, by general consent, the President was requested to intercede for those who have been confined in Canadian prisons. The attempt was made to go to the Speaker's table and voted down, and the House adjourned till to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

NO AMNESTY THIS SESSION.

In the caucus of Republican Senators, this morning, a motion was made which, if agreed to, would have committed the Senate to the passage of the House Amnesty Bill, or at least to its consideration. The discussion and the vote showed that there was no hope of amnesty getting through the Senate this session. The motion was laid on the table by 28 to 16, the caucus being rather thinly attended. Though the measure has failed this time, there is little doubt expressed that its passage next Winter only depends on the peaceable behavior of the people in the Southern States during the recess of Congress. If outrages cease in a great degree before December, amnesty is considered certain to be granted.

THE MEXICAN OUTRAGE DISCREDITED.

The dispatches to the Associated Press of recent date, regarding Indian hostilities in New-Mexico and a collision between troops from Fort Bayard and Mexican soldiers, are now entirely discredited, as it was doubted from the first. The pretended news came by way of Galveston, which is about 1,000 miles from Fort Bayard, with which it has no regular means of communication. On the other hand, Fort Bayard is less than half that distance from telegraphic communication by the way of Santa Fé by pony express. The news should have been received through this channel some days earlier than by the way it came, which is a sufficient reason for doubt as to its correctness.

IRON-CLADS TO BE RECALLED FROM KEY WEST.

Arrangements are being made at the Navy Department to recall all the iron-clads at Key West and bring them to League Island.

SENATORIAL INCONSISTENCY ON SAN DOMINGO.

Senator COLE, of California, who visited San Domingo a few years ago, about the time the Babcock Treaty was negotiated, expresses his surprise at the course certain Senators have taken on the subject, especially in view of the recent satisfactory and comprehensive report of the Commission. He announces that he will in a few days add the weight of his testimony to that of the Commission, and counteract, so far as in him lies, the erroneous and mischievous misrepresentations and slanders which are being so industriously circulated in reference thereto. There is one circumstance connected with the San Domingo report which should be recollected, and that is that the Commissioners were sworn before the investigation began to discharge their duties faithfully and honestly.

THE LOAN.

Gen. SPINNER will leave here shortly for Europe to aid in the negotiation of the new Government loan.

A POSITION FOR FRED. DOUGLASS.

The General Republican Committee of the District of Columbia passed resolutions, on Saturday night last, in favor of the appointment of Mr. FREDERICK DOUGLASS as Secretary of the new Government of the District, in the event of the election of Gen. CHIPMAN to Congress, and today waited on the President to inform him of its action. The President briefly stated that the office was not vacant, and that when it was, he would consider the various names suggested for the position. The action of the General Committee does not exactly meet the approval of the majority of the Republicans here, and their action is rather severely criticised. It also appears that Mr. DOUGLASS does not desire the office, and will not accept it if tendered to him.

THE KUKLUX CONFERENCE.

The Conference Committee on the Kuklux bill has failed to agree today, and it meets again to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock with the prospect of deciding on a report before the hour for the assembling of Congress. A long meeting was held this afternoon and another tonight at the residence of Senator SHERMAN. The principal point of difference is the Sherman amendment, the substance of which Mr. SHERMAN is very anxious should be retained. It is believed the members on the part of the Senate, or rather the Republican members, are willing to concede all the other questions at issue for this, but exactly what compromise will be finally made is in doubt. Some members of the House say they voted against the Sherman amendment because they thought it too broad and sweeping in the form it came from the Senate, and that they are in favor of the object it seeks. But it is objected to that it is in effect taking a direct tax on real property where it shall be enforced, and is, on that account, a plain violation of the Constitution. If this view is correct, it is hard to see the form can be changed so as to obviate the difficulty. If the amendment should come back to the Conference report for the action of the two Houses, it will be found that a great many will change the positions hastily taken the other day. It is not thought that it can be passed through the House, but the anxiety to adjourn will have some influence in securing agreement with the Committee's report, whatever it may be.

THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Chief-Justice CHASE presided in the Supreme Court today, and the bench was full with the exception of Justice NELSON. The Chief-Justice is much changed in appearance since he presided at the last session of the Court, but his health is so far restored that, with the exercise of care, he will be able to continue the labors of his position with his former great ability and energy. The Chief-Justice gave notice that Justice NELSON was expected to be present to-morrow, and that if he was, the legal-tender cases would be heard at that time.

CONGRESS TO ADJOURN.

There is no doubt expressed in any quarter that Congress will adjourn *sine die* to-morrow.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate, in Executive Session today, confirmed the following nominations by the President:

Members of the Legislative Assembly of the District of Columbia for one year—Geo. F. Gunck, John A. Gray, Daniel L. Eaton, Samuel Cross and A. R. Shepherd; *Members of the Board of Audit*—Two years—Adolphus Hall, Frederick Douglass, Wm. Stickney and Daniel Smith.

James H. Baker, of Minnesota, to be Commissioner of Pensions.

Consuls—Geo. W. Holt, at Game Basin, and N. A. Ewing, at Stockholm.

Collectors of Internal Revenue—J. W. Clift, First District of Georgia; H. C. Manning, Fourth District of Texas.

Pension Agents—Jas. McGregor, at Pittsburg, Penn.; John T. Bassin, Vicksburg, Miss.

Postal Promotions—Post-masters Wm. H. Williams and Chas. F. Gould, to be Advanced ten numbers each in their grades.

Postmasters—Miss E. G. Colburn, 1st Franklin, N. H.; Alonzo Snow, Port Deposit, Md.; W. C. Snyder, Fulton, Ill.; Chas. Southwood, Morris, Ill.; E. R. Brown, Edwood; Jas. Bowman, Lewistown, Ill.; S. J. Seemoker, Dewitt, Iowa; Henry R. Cowles, Washington, Iowa; James Davidson, Monticello, Iowa; H. L. Robinson, Washington C. H., Ohio; R. R. McPherson, Clyde, Ohio; R. D. Smith, Galion, Ohio; C. W. Ely, Elyria, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Hackleman, Evansville, Ind.; H. W. Hassall, Leroy, N. Y.; C. L. Spaulding, Jonesville, Mich.; G. B. Cunningham, Hayes City, Kansas.

THE DEMOCRATIC PLANS.

The Democratic members of Congress met again in caucus to-night, but the Committee to prepare an address not being ready to report, the caucus adjourned until to-morrow night. But if Congress should adjourn to-morrow the caucus will meet immediately after the termination of the session.

MEXICO.

The Press on the Presidential Contest—A Political Assassination—Impeachment of the Ministry.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 11, via HAVANA.—MARTIN CARRERA, Ex-President of Mexico, is dead. Fifty-two of the public journals advocate the re-election of President JUAREZ, forty favor PORFIRIO DIAZ, and ten have pronounced for TEJADA. Gen. RAMONEZ OCHOS has been appointed Minister to Washington. Malignant grippe and measles have become epidemic in Durango. The deaths from these diseases average thirty a day. An attempt to assassinate a political leader in Morelos has caused fresh trouble there. The chief of the band of assassins, it is believed, was hired by two members of the Legislature, CUADRA and ROMELO. Both have been arrested.

The Government proposes to introduce reform in the laws which shall be applicable to all the States of the Republic. Among the changes to be made is one that it considers especially desirable—that within church buildings the civil authorities shall be powerless, while outside of their churches the clergy shall be equally powerless.

The regular session of the national Congress began on the first of the month. Señor HERNANDEZ, President of the Chamber, in his opening speech, alluded to the fears expressed by many of direct intervention by some officious agents of foreign Powers in the coming election for President, and to mustered threats heard everywhere of refusal to accept the decision of the people. The several parties accuse each other of endeavoring to bring Mexico under the American flag. ROMERO, the Minister of Finance, MEJIA, Minister of War, RABCARCEL, Minister of the Interior, and SAAVEDRA, Minister of Justice, have been impeached, and will be tried before the Supreme Court. The condemnation of the Ministers is considered certain, as the Supreme Court, over which TEJADO, himself a candidate for President in opposition to JUAREZ, presides, is regarded as strongly partisan. Many things not done under the law, it is said, can also be proven against them.

CUBA.

Another Sharp Encounter—Defeat of the Insurgents, with Thirty Killed.

HAVANA, April 17.—Three hundred insurgents, who invaded the jurisdiction of REMEDIOS from Moron, had an engagement with the Government troops and were defeated, with a loss of thirty killed.

FIRES.

Castleton, Vt., State Mills Burned—Loss $150,000—Other Losses by Fire.

BOSTON, Mass., April 17.—The mills and other buildings of the West Castleton, Vt., Slate and Railroad Company were destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The mills were operated for sawing and marbleizing slate for mantels, billiard-tables, &c. A large amount of manufactured goods and machinery was burned. The loss is $150,000; insured for about $54,000.... A fire in Lowell, Mass., this morning, damaged the Lowell Wadding and Paper Company's mills, formerly owned by Messrs. RIPLEY & CO., to the Amount of $7,000; insured.

HUDSON, N. Y., April 17.—The dry-house of PLATT & SMITH'S cotton-mill, at Chatham, was destroyed by fire, yesterday afternoon, involving a loss of about $6,000, which was covered by insurance.

Destruction of the Nebraska Lunatic Asylum.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 17.—The Nebraska State Lunatic Asylum, at Lincoln, was burned this morning. Two inmates are supposed to have perished in the ruins, one of whom was chained in his cell. Loss, $150,000; insured for $100,000.

The name of one of the patients who perished was KELLER. He killed a man near Fort Kearney.

Murder in Pike County, Missouri—Domestic Infidelity the Cause—Interesting Revenue Decision in a Memphis Case.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 17.—TERRY L. HART, a well-known citizen of Louisiana, Pike County, Mo., shot and killed WM. DAUGERON, a somewhat noted character, on Saturday, for alleged criminal relation on the part of DAUGERON with HART'S wife. HART was arrested and gave bail.

MEMPHIS, April 17.—In the case of J. H. WAGGONER, a discharged bankrupt, who proposed to go into business again and was prevented by revenue officers from doing so on the ground that among his liabilities was an indebtedness of $11,000 to the Government, the officials claiming that WAGGONER's discharge could not invalidate the Government claim, Commissioner PEARSON has decided in favor of WAGGONER.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Dom Pedro and the Empress Going to Europe—The Insurrectionary Movements in Entre Rios and Uruguay.

RIO JANEIRO, March 28, via LONDON, April 17.—The Emperor and Empress of Brazil will leave here in May on a visit to Europe. The insurrection in the State of Entre Rios, Argentine Confederation, has terminated; but that of the Blancos, in Uruguay, is still unsuppressed.

AUSTRALIA.

The Colonies in Apprehension of an American Filibustering Raid—Fortifying the Ports—An Absurd Story.

LONDON, April 17.—A dispatch from Melbourne, March 28, says that all the Australian colonies are fortifying their ports, in consequence of a warning, said to have come from the Home Government, that a descent upon them is threatened by American filibusters.

CANADA.

New-Brunswick Winnows—A Surplus of $12,000 with the Strictest Economy.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 17.—In the New-Brunswick Legislature the Provincial Secretary presented a statement of the expenses of the past year, and the estimates for the ensuing year. The estimated available income for 1871 is $448,000; expenditures, $436,000. The latter result is only obtainable by the strictest economy.

....The steam-ship *Assyria*, of the Anchor line, sailed on Saturday for Glasgow, direct. She discharged and loaded in less than five days.

THE WEST.

Counterfeiters Captured in Ohio—A Little Boy Under a Train at Cairo—Desperadoes in Cleveland—Mr. Wade and the Ohio Gubernatorship.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 17.—A man named D. K. BISSELL was arrested here today, charged with passing counterfeit national bank note currency. In default of $1,500 bail, he was committed to jail.....A little boy named MCGRATH, while playing on the track of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, fell under some moving cars, six of which passed over one of his feet, cutting it entirely off.....There were several very disgraceful rows in this city yesterday, and while endeavoring to take the desperadoes into custody, the Police were assaulted with stones and other missiles, which enabled some of the rascals to escape. They were subsequently arrested, however, and lodged in the Station-house.....There is a strong feeling among the more prominent Republicans here to nominate Hon. WADE for Governor, and vigorous efforts will be made by Mr. WADE's friends to induce him to run.

A Mysterious Murder.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—The body of a murdered man was found in a shallow grave, partially covered with large stones, near the Marantine Hospital, thirteen miles below this city, on Saturday. Papers were found on the body, addressed to Capt. CHARLES H. WEST, of Company R, Sixth Mississippi Infantry, and signed by GEORGE T. BALCH. Other documents were found referring to Mr. WEST as Captain in the Fifty-eighth Colored Infantry. One of these was from the Quartermaster's Department at Washington, stating that his property returns had been found correct, and that his resignation had been accepted. This was dated in 1864. The skull of deceased was fractured. No clue to the murderer has been obtained.

THE WEATHER.

Official Record of Observations and Probabilities.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—The falling barometer and cloudy weather of Sunday were accompanied with light rain on the Pacific Coast, where the barometer is now rapidly recovering. This disturbance is now felt at the Rocky Mountain stations. The temperature has risen rapidly, with falling pressure in Missouri and Nebraska. Cloudy and threatening weather, with fresh north-east winds, have prevailed from Lake Erie to Lake Superior. The highest pressure now exists over Lake Erie. Clouds have been broken up in the Eastern States, and partially cloudy and clear weather have prevailed on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

PROBABILITIES.

It is probable that a storm will be developed by Tuesday morning in the Missouri Valley and westward. North-east winds and threatening weather are probable for the lakes on Tuesday. Threatening weather in the lower Mississippi Valley is probable. No serious disturbance is probable for the Atlantic coast.

Observations at Mount Washington.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, N. H., April 17—7 P. M.—Barometer, 29.93; change, plus .01; thermometer, 22°; change, minus 1°; relative humidity, 91; wind, north-west; velocity, 23 miles per hour. The wind is blowing a little now for the first time in four days, and the driving snows give to the summit more the appearance of real Winter than at any time since we have been here.

Lectures Last Night.

Rev. W. C. PRIME delivered an interesting lecture on the "History of the Wood known as the True Cross," before a large audience, in the lecture-room of Association Hall, last evening. The lecturer graphically narrated the circumstance connected with the discovery of the true cross by HELENA, mother of CONSTANTINE, the Roman Emperor, and the wonderful influence which the event excited for several centuries among Christians all over the world. An exhibition of paintings by well-known artists took place after the lecture.

Rev. J. G. BAIR delivered a lecture on "The Man that We Need," in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, on Second-street. The lazy man, the selfish man, the stubborn and other too familiar types were hit off in keen and graphic words, and the audience was kept in a constant laugh by a succession of capital jokes and stories.

**Collision of Oil-

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

Valmaseda's Tour—The Situation—Junta in Havana—War News—Want of Funds and the War Subsidy—Miscellaneous Gossip.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, April 1, 1871.

The long talked-of departure of Gen. VALMASEDA to some portions of the Cinco Villas and to the Central Department has at last taken place, the General having left Havana yesterday morning. That this trip is one of necessity, as well as convenience, cannot be doubted. Under the master's eye the horses get fat, as an old Spanish proverb, and VALMASEDA wished to see for himself what is going on. He knows too much himself about the manner in which big accounts are written of engagements that do not "amount" to anything, and he is also intelligent enough to take such dispositions as will aid the Summer campaign. This last is a treatable word, because the insurrection, according to official statements, has long been defunct; only small isolated bands remain, which grow in their isolation and become parties of importance. The war will positively last during the Summer. The surrenders of Cuban leaders exercise a certain depressing influence on the insurgent cause, but new men spring up to take the place of the runaways. The change of commanders, however, is not in the slightest degree beneficial to the Cubans, and if BARNETA also surrenders, which is probable, only a few of the original leaders will remain, these having talent as guerrillas, and influence among the Cubans. The Summer campaign may prove more disastrous to the Cubans than to the Spaniards, unless the former manage to receive sufficient supplies of ammunition, clothing and medicines, articles which they are very much in want of. There is no lack of men, as but few are needed to keep up the war. VALMASEDA'S principal object is to grant such concessions to insurgent leaders as will induce them to surrender. The lesser Spanish chiefs have not the power to grant what VALMASEDA can, and consequently his trip may prove of aid to the Spanish cause, although the Cubans are very sanguine that he will fail in his purpose. There is a very peculiar coincidence in the movements of Captain-Generals and Admirals when they leave Havana. RODAS left when CANO arrived; VALMASEDA left for the first time when Gen. PALACIO arrived; Admiral MALCAMPO left when the oath of fealty to the King was to be taken, and VALMASEDA left the morning of the new King's birthday, when he ought to have held court and had hand-kissing. If all these things are merely accidental, they fit very well into each other, and leave plenty of room for discussion.

JUNTA IN HAVANA.

A proclamation signed by GUISCHO YUCAYO and HATNEY DE TARA, old Indian names, but supposed to emanate from the New-York Junta, although headed by the Permanent Commission of the Cuban Republic in Havana, and dated March 15, has been freely distributed over the city. The proclamation bears a seal, with the inscription, "Eastern Department of the Cuban Republic." There is no doubt that a regularly organized Junta, or Commission, has existed and does exist in Havana, and the members undoubtedly work hard. Evidences of the being of such a body are occasionally apparent, but the members lavish as much care and secrecy, that all efforts made by the Police, spies and the entire Spanish population to discover them, have been fruitless. The proclamation referred to congratulates the Cubans on the success of the Winter campaign, and expresses great confidence on what they are pleased to call their great ally, the yellow fever, to aid them during next Summer. The proclamation acknowledges that the Cuban Republic has derived material aid to the Venezuelan Government, (the Quesada expedition,) and that the latter, in turn, is preparing to assist at the banquet of independence. The proclamation ends with the phrase, "Forward, ye sons of America; the future is ours." This sentence has vastly roused the ire of the *Diario*.

WAR NEWS.

Several engagements have taken place in the Eastern Department, where the Spanish troops have been put to their mettle in order to make headway against and repel the attacks of the Cuban General, MODESTO DIAS, who has become so bold of late as to attack superior forces of the Spaniards, whenever he cannot easily retreat. Several times lately his efforts have been crowned with success. DIAS sent a portion of his forces toward Santiago de Cuba, with orders to attack a convoy; the Spaniards learned of it in time, and sent the pack mules lightly, and in addition sent the centre-guerrillas to follow within easy distances. The Cubans were completely caught; they attacked the train guarded by 330 men of the Reus Battalion, when the centre-guerrillas of RUIS fell on their rear and thus took them between two fires. Some surrendered. Insurgents reported that the Cuban loss was seventy-one killed, but this statement must be erroneous, as the Cubans only numbered 220 in all, and the fight lasted but an hour. In Cuban warfare it takes two days at least to kill that number of any one party, and these *presentados* are more given to lying than telling the truth. At Barrajagua Holguinero nine Cubans were killed by the forces of Cols. CAMPILLO and CALLIJAS; five more were killed at AZUCO Blanco, and several men were killed when the Cubans returned and attacked the settlement. The Cubans attacked with great impetus, but the troops and volunteers were too numerous....The Cuban General, ACOSTA, who was riding toward Bayamo with three companions, was betrayed by a country-man of his who had surrendered, and all four were captured and shot. The Cuban *presentados* are undoubtedly the meanest and most contemptible human beings that exist. A "Digger Indian" is a jewel compared to them. Too cowardly to fight, they ought at least to have sufficient principle not to betray their friends and country-men in arms, but they do it, and that's the end of it.

WANT OF FUNDS.

The Island Treasury is in want of money, and the screws are being put on to squeeze the people. The war subsidy has been increased, according to a decree published in the official *Gaceta*. The war subsidy will in future be collected as follows:

ARTICLE 1. On and after the 1st of April next the impost created as a war subsidy on exports shall be collected at all the custom-houses in the island, in conformity with the subjoined tariff, No. 1.

ART. 2. On and after same date a special tax is established on all animals slaughtered for consumption, as per tariff No. 2, annexed.

ART. 3. The war subsidy on articles of importation shall be collected on and after the 1st of July next, in accordance with the appended tariff, No. 3.

ART. 4. On and after the same day, 1st of July, 1871, a tax of fifty per cent. per annum is established on the net product of all city property throughout the island, after deduction of one-fourth part for repairs, &c., and on the same day the tax of twenty-five per cent., which was collected by municipalities, will cease to be exacted.

ART. 5. All the taxes mentioned in this resolution are to be of a transitory character, lasting only the time that may be necessary for the withdrawal from circulation of the notes issued or that may hereafter be issued by the Spanish Bank as advances to the Treasury.

ART. 6. The proceeds of these special taxes are exclusively and exclusively to be destined to said amortization, and the Intendency-General of Finances will assume the duty of placing them monthly or in any shorter periods at the disposal of the Spanish Bank.

ART. 7. The Intendency-General of Finances is hereby authorized to adopt the requisite measures for the execution of the present decree.

ART. 8. The present resolution shall be communicated to His Majesty's Government, together with the antecedents that have occasioned it, for superior approval.

(Signed,) EL CONDE DE VALMASEDA.

HAVANA, March 29, 1871.

This tax, although called temporary, will endure, and paragraph five leaves the door open for any amount of notes to be issued by the Spanish Bank, and proves that the Government will not redeem any—in fact, will not be able to redeem them, for many years to come. The Island Treasury is now indebted to the Spanish Bank to the tune of thirty-nine millions of dollars. To secure this amount to the note holders and to redeem the stock and scrip of the stockholders the bank has about two millions of specie in its vaults; and notwithstanding this the people have full confidence in the notes of the bank, and they are only at a discount of three to four per cent.

MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP.

Friday being the Saints-day of the new King of Spain, the national flags are hoisted on the public buildings, and the forts and men-of-war fired salutes at morn, noon and night. The enthusiasm displayed by the population could be placed in a canary bird's eye and not hurt him.

The heavy southerly wind which has been blowing for some days, and on Friday amounted almost to a hurricane, has been very destructive to sugar plantations, several of whom caught fire, and all the remaining cane was burnt. These calamities are very distressing, added to the decreased yield this year, and fall principally on the poorer classes, who lose their employment by the destruction of the plantations.

QUASIMODO.

PERSONAL, POLITICAL, AND GENERAL.

Quebec has now on the stocks eleven ships, averaging about seven hundred tons each, nine barges, four schooners, and six steamers.

The Republicans of Virginia are organizing in every county, preparatory to entering upon an energetic campaign in the Fall.

The Freemasons of Ottawa, Canada, are making arrangements suitably to entertain Earl DE GREY AND RIPON on his visit to their city next month.

A hale and hearty gentleman, eighty years of age, last week filed a claim for a homestead in Jackson, Minn., and intends to settle down there and make a home for himself and family.

A special telegram from Montreal promises that immediate repairs shall be made on NAPOLEON'S monument, the condition of which has been *for years past* a disgrace to the city.

The colored societies of Richmond, Va., are making great preparations for their celebration, on Thursday, of the anniversary of the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment.

Gov. SENTER, of Tennessee, has issued a proclamation appoining Thursday, April 27, as a day of public humiliation, fasting and prayer in that State, after the time-honored New-England custom.

A German, who has been naturalized in Wisconsin, wrote a letter to a fellow-countryman recently, in which he said: "Oxhoose me dat I Schreib you in Englisch. Ich habe so long stads in Visconsin gewont, das ich already twise have gevoted."

Tennessee papers report the sudden death of WM. W. WARD, Chancellor of the Fifth Division of their State. He was during the war Colonel of the Ninth Tennessee Confederate Cavalry, and aided MORGAN in his raid into Indiana and Ohio. He was elected Chancellor last August.

We infer from a paragraph in the New-Haven *Palladium*, that the report that Hon. O. F. WINCHESTER has given Yale College a site for an observatory was premature. Whatever plans he may have been considering, it says, are not yet matured enough to be made known to the public.

The Springfield (Ill.) *Journal* says that the contractor for building the architectural portion of the Lincoln Monument in Oak Ridge Cemetery, in that city, is pushing forward the work as rapidly as possible, and expects to complete it by the 1st of July next. The monument when completed will be a most imposing and beautiful structure.

There is a singular lawsuit in Goodhue County, Minn. It seems two religious societies quarreled as to which should bury the dead body of a man who had belonged to neither, and the defeated one, soon after the funeral, came with an order from the man's widow for the removal of his remains to their cemetery. The order was disregarded, and thus the matter has got into the Courts.

A Wyoming paper gives a cheerful paragraph concerning a half-breed, who is to be hanged at Cheyenne on the 21st inst. It says he is quite an artist, and further, that "he has made a creditable portrait of himself, suspended from the gallows, the Court-room, the Judge who pronounced the sentence, and the jury which found him guilty of murder. In his picture, he gives the lady members of the jury a horrid appearance."

The Columbia (S. C.) *Union* says there have recently been numerous instances in the northern part of that State where men who have voted the Republican ticket have been compelled to renounce their connection with the party and to publish cards declaring that they are in favor of a white man's government, under penalty of whipping, and even death. This card-publishing business is done for the purpose of making the North believe that men thus voluntarily renounce their opinions.

Gen. SHERMAN'S tour of inspection will include the frontiers of Texas, the Indian Territory, Kansas and Nebraska. He goes to Baton Rouge and New-Orleans, then to San Antonio in Texas, thence westward and northward along the line of posts to Nebraska, and back to Washington. He is accompanied by Cols. J. C. MCCOY and J. E. TOURTELLOTTE, and at New-Orleans he will be joined by Gen. R. B. MARCY. They will, of course, examine into the report of the accountar between our troops and Mexicans at Fort Goodwin.

The Kentucky Democrats will hold their State Convention in Frankfort on the 24 of May. There is quite a contest over the nomination for Governor, and several county conventions have instructed their delegates whom to vote for. The Cincinnati *Chronicle* sums up the results thus: For King, twelve counties; Leslie, fourteen; Jones, eight; Brown, six; Craddock, four; McCreery, two; Phister, two; Magoffin, one; Turner, one; Spalding, one; Hawes, one; Knott, one, and twenty-one counties send delegates without instructions. Seventy-four counties have been heard from, leaving forty-two not yet reported.

As two civil engineers were at work in the wilds of Michigan a couple of weeks ago, eighteen or twenty miles from any camp, one of them began to suspect that the other had become insane—a suspicion which was made certainty when his companion came to him and said: "I wish you would hide my revolver, and the axes, for I came very near killing you with them last night. I got the revolver and cocked it at your head three times, but something told me not to kill you with that, but to get the ax, and then I was commanded not to kill you then, but I am afraid I will if you don't hide them, and God knows I don't want to hurt any man." This was not very pleasing information, and he did his best to persuade him to go back to the camp. Failing in this he left him, went back alone, procured assistance, and the unfortunate man is now in an asylum.

Ocean Steamer Notes.

The Inman line officially announces that its Captains have received positive orders never to cross the longitude of 50° west, north of the latitude of 42° north. The object of this is to avoid the danger of ice on the banks of Newfoundland. This line is the first to make this order public.

The Inman line has chartered the steamer *Nemesis*, and will hereafter run steamers twice a week from both New-York and Liverpool, so as to fairly compete with the other lines which are running two steamers weekly.

The flags on the steamer *Nebraska* and the docks of the Williams & Guion line were at half-mast yesterday, in respect to the late Dr. EDWARD M. GUION, brother of the junior member of that firm, who died on Friday last, and was buried yesterday morning from the Church of the Holy Trinity, Madison-avenue. Dr. GUION was the chief coaler of the Company's fleet office in Washington, and was widely known and highly respected.

The steamer *City of Brussels* made the run from Queenstown to New-York in eight days and seventeen hours.

The *Oceanic* and *City of Brussels* are advertised to sail from Liverpool on May 31. Each will endeavor to arrive first.

The steamer *City of New-York*, of the Inman line, which arrived on Sunday, but is detained at the Quarantine, having a case of small-pox on board, comes to this port with an addition of 1,500 tons capacity, having, since she last left here, been cut in twain and eighty feet of length having been added to her hull, so that she is now over 3,500 tons burden. Internally she has been entirely remodeled, a new saloon has been built amidships, and a spar deck put on her. Although her engines have not been enlarged or altered, she makes the same time as she did when of less size and tonnage.

The Inman line have recently sold the well-known steamers *City of York* and *City of Manchester* to a London firm, who will employ them in the Mediterranean trade.

The *City of Bristol* will be the new name of the late steamer *Erin*, which has been lengthened seventy-five feet. The *City of London* and *City of Washington* have recently been lengthened each forty feet.

FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Monday, April 17.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island, on motion of Mr. SUMNER, was chosen President of the Senate, in the temporary absence of the Vice President.

THE SOUTHERN OUTRAGES BILL.

The Ku-klux bill was received from the House.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, moved that the Senate recede from the three amendments non-concurred in by the House.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, said he had been informed that the objection in the House to his amendment to assess damages upon localities in which outrages had been committed, was mainly to one clause, which would probably be acceptable to the House in a modified form.

Mr. CASSERLY, of California, called attention to the fact that these amendments had been disagreed from in the House by a large majority.

Mr. CONKLING, of New-York, thought that fact ought not to be allowed to influence the Senate so long as the reasons for the action of the House were unknown.

Mr. TRUMBULL'S motion was then rejected—yeas 17, nays 30. The Republicans voting in the affirmative were: Messrs. Caldwell, Hill, Robertson, Schurz, Trumbull and Wright.

On motion of Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, the bill was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. EDMUNDS, SHERMAN and STEVENSON.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

A Committee of Conference was also ordered on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Deficiency Appropriation bill. Messrs. COLE, MORRILL of Vermont, and BAYARD were appointed as the Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, moved to extend the use of the Senate Chamber to the National Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, to meet in Washington, on May 24, 1871.

Mr. COLE, of California, objected, and the resolution was not received.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, moved that the Committee on Public Buildings have leave to sit during the recess, their presence being necessary because of the work on the new State Department building. Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS, of Kentucky, a joint resolution, authorizing Prof. JAMES HENRY, of the Smithsonian Institute, to accept a title and decoration from the King of Sweden, was passed.

At 1 o'clock, the Senate went into Executive Session.

At 1:40 o'clock the doors were reopened, and on motion of Mr. SCOTT the House bill donating condemned cannon to the Pennsylvania Military Legion of Philadelphia for their armatory, was passed.

On motion of Mr. FENTON, of New-York, the bill authorizing the name of the vessel *William H. Slocer* to be changed to *Hamilton Fish*, and to grant a new registration, was also passed.

TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. STEWART, of Nevada, submitted a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution to be known as the SIXTEENTH, as follows:

ARTICLE XVI. There shall be maintained in each State and Territory a system of free common schools, but neither the United States nor any State, Territory, county or municipal corporation shall aid in the support of any school, academy or institute of any religious denomination are taught.

SECTION 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Reading objected to by Mr. BLAIR, and withdrawn.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By unanimous consent, bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. KELLY, of Iowa—To authorize the President of the United States to ascertain the value of certain Des Moines River improvement lands north of the Raccoon Fork. Also a bill relating to the rights of actual settlers upon the public lands, providing that no title shall be cleared against them by any patent United States Courts; bona fide settlers and their assigns shall be entitled to all the remedies and reliefs provided by the laws of the States in which said lands are found for the purposes of protecting the rights of occupying claimants.

By Mr. SPENCER—To protect the lives and property of crews and passengers on sea-going vessels. All of which were laid on the table.

A recess was then taken until 2½ o'clock to await the action of the Conference Committee on the Appropriation and Ku-klux bills.

Upon reassembling the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Under the call of States bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. TOWNSEND, of New-York—Allowing a drawback of duty on certain articles exported.

By Mr. DUMAS, of New-York—For an additional judicial district in New-York, to be called the Northern Judicial District; also, for a Post-office building in Syracuse, and to facilitate the collection of judgments in favor of the United States.

By Mr. MERCUR, of Pennsylvania—To appropriate bronze cannon for a soldiers' monument and cemeteries.

By Mr. LEONARD MYERS, of Pennsylvania—Appointing a day of the act of the 16th of July, 1861, concerning pensions.

By Mr. HALE, of Maine—To relieve American-built vessels from import duties on materials entering into their construction, repairs and coal.

By Mr. PORTER—For the removal of civil and criminal causes from State to United States Courts, and for the removal of political disabilities.

By HOLMAN, of Indiana—Granting bounty lands to those who have served in the army or navy during the rebellion.

By Mr. MARSHALL, of Illinois—To promote commerce among the States and to cheapen transportation.

By Mr. HARRIS, of Arkansas—To incorporate the Louisiana, Arkansas and New-Mexico Railroad Company.

By Mr. SUTHERLAND, of Michigan—For a bridge across Portage Lake, Michigan.

By Mr. LOWE, of Kansas—For the payment to the State of Kansas of moneys expended by the United States for enrolling, provisioning and equipping militia to aid in suppressing the rebellion.

By Mr. LEACH, of North Carolina—Granting public lands to North Carolina for purposes of education.

LIMITING TAXATION.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the following preamble and resolution offered last Monday by Mr. BAIL, of New-Hampshire:

Whereas, The Government of the United States was established by the people for their own protection and benefit, and should be administered on the strictest principles of frugality and economy in time of peace; and whereas, Should no more money be taken from people by taxation, except to supply the necessary wants of the Government Administered upon such principles; and whereas, the money annually paid by taxation from the people should not exceed the sum of $200,000,000, said sum being simply sufficient to provide for the ordinary expenses of the Government, the payment of the interest of the public debt, and in part liquidating the interest of said debt; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives limit taxation to pay of the immense sums of the public debt as heretofore practiced by the Secretary of the Treasury, and would limit the sum for the principal of said debt to $25,000,000.

Mr. COX, of New-York, who drew up the resolution, moved to lay it on the table for the purpose, as he said, of having a vote upon it, intending himself to vote against the motion.

The House refused to lay the resolution on the table—yeas 3, nays 159—the affirmative votes being given by Messrs. MAYNARD of Tennessee, SPRAGUE of Ohio, and TAFFE of Nebraska. The House refused to second the previous question on the adoption of the resolution, 65 to 71, and Mr. MAYNARD having risen to debate the resolution, it went over under the rule.

CONFERENCE ON THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. DAWES, KELLEY and BECK a Conference Committee on the Deficiency bill.

THE NEW STATE DEPARTMENT BUILDING.

Mr. WILLARD, of Vermont, offered a resolution authorizing the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to sit during the approaching recess for the purpose of determining, in conjunction with the Senate Committee, the kind of stone to be used in the construction of the new State Department, and to employ a clerk. Adopted.

CLAIMS OF AMERICANS IMPRISONED IN ENGLAND.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, introduced a joint resolution requesting the President to cause to be submitted to the Joint High Commission the claims of American citizens for damages and losses suffered on account of their imprisonment, without due process of law or trial, in British prisons, for supposed complicity in the Fenian cause in Ireland. The vote on the second reading, under the previous question, was taken by yeas and nays. After the affirmative vote was taken, those who were opposed to the resolution refrained from voting, under the lead of Mr. GARFIELD; there was, therefore, no quorum voting, the vote being 103 to 8. A call of the House was thereupon ordered, and 175 members answered to their names, and all further proceedings under the call were dispensed with. The morning hour expired, and the resolution went over till next Monday.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Other bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. WALLACE—Authorizing the payment of interest due to the State of South Carolina.

By Mr. BURDETT—To incorporate the Homestead Fund Commission.

By Mr. COX—To provide for judicial proceedings in all cases of assessment and collection of Federal taxes.

By Mr. STARKWEATHER—Providing for a commission to determine the claims for damages committed on American commerce by the *Alabama*, *Shenandoah*, *Florida*, *Georgia*, and other British cruisers.

By Mr. PEGE—Joint resolutions of the Legislature of Mississippi relating to the subject of aid by grant of lands to the Mobile and North-western Railroad Company.

By Mr. FINKELNBURG—The memorial of the St. Louis County Women's Suffrage Association.

MURDER OF UNITED STATES OFFICERS.

Mr. COBURN, of Indiana, sent to the Clerk's desk and had read a telegram announcing the murder, on the 15th of April, of two Deputy Marshals of the United States in White County, Tennessee, while attempting to serve process.

Mr. BROOKS, of New-York, remarked that it was a whisky affair, and not political, as the gentleman from Indiana seemed to suppose the impression.

Mr. COBURN—Does that justify murders?

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, remarked, that it arose from a raid on a distillery.

THE BROOKLYN NAVY-YARD.

Mr. BLOCUM offered a resolution requesting the President to organize a commission of five army and navy officers, to examine and report to Congress on or before the 10th of December next:

First—On the propriety of [illegible] the Brooklyn Navy-yard, and selling the land connected with the yard and the Marine Hospital; and the probable sum to be realized therefrom.

Second—On the propriety of constructing a new yard, where the same should be located and its estimated cost.

Third—On the propriety of building a new Marine Hospital in case of the removal of the one at Brooklyn, where it should be located and the estimated cost thereof.

Adopted.

ANOTHER PERSIAN RESOLUTION.

Mr. W. R. ROBERTS offered a resolution requesting the President to intercede with the authorities of the Dominion of Canada for the release of American citizens now confined in Canadian prisons. Adopted.

The House, at 10 M. P. M., adjourned.

THE ERIE FIGHT.

Further Adjournment of the Reference before the Master—These Books Not Yet Produced—Continued Evasion of the Order of the Court.

KENNETH G. WHITE, Master in Equity, held Court, yesterday, for the continuation of the investigation into the disposition and whereabouts of the 60,054 shares of the Erie Railroad stock claimed by HEATH and RAPHAEL, English stockholders of the Company, and which they allege were illegally seized and held by JAMES FISK, JR, JAY GOULD and the directors of the railroad. The proceedings were prematurely adjourned on last Friday, in the absence of the books of the Company, containing the inventory of the transfer of the stock from JAMES H. COLEMAN, the receiver appointed in the State Courts, to the defendants, and on the application of Mr. SOUTHMAYD an order was issued directing their production yesterday. From the general dealings of the Company in reference to this litigation, more especially in regard to their repeated refusals to comply with the orders of the Court to produce these books, it was apparent it was not their interest to expose them to a critical scrutiny, and every endeavor would be made to delay and if possible avoid it. It was stated in Saturday's TIMES that these books would not be forthcoming yesterday, and the result justified the assertion. At 1 o'clock yesterday the counsel on each side were in attendance before the Master, Ex-Judge PIERREPONT being specially retained on behalf of the Erie Company.

Mr. SOUTHMAYD asked if the books, for which an order was issued on the last day, had been produced?

Mr. MORGAN replied they had not, as the books specified in the order were different from those which were required.

Mr. PIERREPONT said that only twenty minutes ago he had been retained in this case, and as he had not yet received his instructions he desired a postponement until this day. All he knew was that the question in litigation was one concerning the right to the possession of 60,000 shares of stock, but he understood a great deal of irrelevant matter was introduced into the litigation.

The Master observed that the fullest latitude was given to the investigation, and anything which affected or depreciated the marketable value of the stock was a fit subject for inquiry.

In reply to Mr. SOUTHMAYD, Mr. PIERREPONT said there was no necessity to serve a second order for the production of those books, and he pledged his professional word they would be produced to-day.

By consent the whole matter was then adjourned until 4 o'clock this day.

Another Decision Against Fisk, Gould & Co.—An Order of Judge Barnard's Reversed.

Messrs. FISK, GOULD & CO. have lost met with another defeat in the Courts. Our readers will remember the famous "Gold suits" brought against SMITH, GOULD & MARTIN, and JAMES FISK, JR., to recover $1,500,000 upon purchases of gold made for these parties on the "Black Friday" of 1869, and how Judges GEORGE G. BARNARD, at the instigation of Mr. FISK and his counsel Mr. FIELD, made an order removing sixteen of these suits out of the Superior Court and Common Pleas of this City into his Court, for no other reason than because it was his Court. The plaintiffs of course refused to submit to this treatment, and appealed to the General Term. This took it to Gov. HOFFMAN'S Judges in the First District, and Judge BARNARD being disqualified, Judges INGRAHAM and CARDOZO heard the appeal. It was argued before these Judges in September, 1870, and Judge INGRAHAM presently made his decision, which was that Judge BARNARD had not a shadow of power to make such an order. But Judge CARDOZO could not act in the matter, not agreeing with Judge INGRAHAM, and he would not dissent because then the case would be sent to the Second Department, to be argued before other Judges. So he kept it until March, about six months, which was of course satisfactory to FISK. At last, however, Judge CARDOZO dissented from Judge INGRAHAM without giving any reason. Because he did not agree to their opinion, and were not necessary. But then the case had to go to Brooklyn and be reargued, as INGRAHAM and CARDOZO did not agree. No doubt FISK and GOULD thought the Brooklyn Judges would keep the case as long as the New-York tribunal had done without decision, or perhaps they may have dreamed that they would really sustain their friend BARNARD'S extraordinary order. Alas for him, his dreams have come to naught. The Judges on the other side of the river are made of different stuff.

The appeal was argued in Brooklyn last Monday before Judges J. F. BARNARD, CULBERT and HOGEBOOM, by ex-Judge SMOTE and Mr. FLANDERS for the plaintiffs, and by Mr. FIELD and Mr. BLACK for FISK and GOULD. These Judges only took until Saturday to decide, when they unanimously reversed Judge GEORGE BARNARD'S order, and decided that the suits must go on where they were brought. So now the plaintiffs will get a fair and speedy trial, and the public will then learn how much gold FISK & CO. bought at 160, and why they did not pay for it.

CONTESTED WILLS.

Hearing in the Adolphus Case.

The first hearing in the matter of the contested will case of AARON ADOLPHUS, deceased, took place yesterday before Hon. R. C. HUTCHINGS, Surrogate. The case, heretofore referred to, is the one in which the deceased is claimed to have left a very much larger estate than is sworn to in the petition for the probate of the will, and the contest promises to be of interest. It was expected that the points in dispute would be amicably settled without a trial, but it having proved impossible to arrange matters, the case opened yesterday with the examination of the subscribing witnesses to the will. PHILIP SCHLUER, the first of these called, testified as to the execution and was cross-examined at some length. HENRY MORRISON, the other, also gave his direct testimony to the same effect. The examination of both witnesses was mainly formal, no fact of public interest being developed. Without cross-examining Mr. MORRISON the hearing was adjourned until Thursday next at 3 P. M.

The Noe Will Case.

In the NOE contested will case, before the Surrogate, yesterday, Dr. STEPHEN HOGERS was placed upon the stand as an expert, and asked in substance to state, in view of all the facts in the case, as shown by the evidence taken, whether, in his opinion, Mrs. NOE was in the possession of her mental powers to such a degree as to be competent to execute a will disposing of her property. The form of the question was objected to, and after several attempts to frame one which should be satisfactory to both the counsel and the Court, but without success, the case was adjourned until Saturday.

A Motion in the Gillman Will Case.

Yesterday a motion was made before the Surrogate in relation to the estate of N. W. GILLMAN, deceased, in which a son, WILTHROP W. GILLMAN, applied for his distributive share of his father's property, amounting to $60,000. The motion was made by CHAS. H. GLOVER, Esq., as counsel, and opposed by Messrs. KNOX & CAMPBELL, on the ground that a clause in the will provided that petitioner should receive no share of the estate until his debts to the same had been paid. In rebuttal it was claimed that he owed nothing, and was therefore entitled to his portion. No decision was made, and the case was adjourned for two weeks.

The Leslie Divorce Case.

The case of LESLIE against LESLIE, so frequently noticed in the columns of this paper, was again before Judge LOEW, in Special Term of the Court of Common Pleas, yesterday. Several motions in the case were to have been heard, but the principal and about the only one argued, was that relating to a counsel fee asked on behalf of the defendant, Mrs. LESLIE. It appears that about ten days since, the whole amount of alimony and counsel fee awarded the defendant under former orders, and affirmed by the Court of Appeals, had been paid over to her, amounting altogether to over $2,100, and it is now insisted on behalf of plaintiff that a reference shall be had to determine what disposition defendant has made of this money, and whether she is able to fee counsel herself before the Court shall compel plaintiff to pay the counsel fee asked for.

The Judge held the matter under consideration until this morning.

MRS. KILLORAN'S COFFIN.

An Original Funeral Outfit, and What it Cost.

In Supreme Court, Trial Term, Part II., before Judge SUTHERLAND and a jury, the case of DENNIS TRENT and others against JAMES J. CONNOLLY, executor of the estate of MARGARET KILLORAN, yesterday came up for trial. For well-nigh twenty years the appearance of a one-horse covered wagon, driven by a man, beside whom was mounted a healthy and shrewd Irish woman, with an eye to business, was familiar in all the tenement districts of the City. This woman was Mrs. MARGARET KILLORAN, well known, especially in the upper portions of the City, as a peddler of dry goods. Mrs. KILLORAN died about two years since, leaving, it is said, an estate of about $60,000, the larger portion of which was bequeathed to her children and relatives, and some portion to charitable institutions. Before her death, it appears, Mrs. KILLORAN had conceived quite original ideas as to her funeral outfit, and in relation thereto sought an interview with the plaintiff in this action, who is an undertaker and who also sells burial goods. She told him of coffin she wished to be interred in, and directed that her instructions in that respect be scrupulously carried out, at no matter what cost. Her instructions were carried out, and a bill therefor furnished against her estate amounting to $1,500 11. This bill the executor refused to pay, claiming that the materials furnished were not worth more than $600. Plaintiff insisted that his charge was just, and hence the present action to recover the amount. The defense is based on the ground that the bill is exorbitant in its charges.

When Mrs. KILLORAN called on him she told him that as he had buried her husband and her son, she thought she would rely upon him to carry out her wishes as to her own mode of burial; that she wanted him to procure her a large-sized, square-built coffin, with plenty room in it, a flat frame on top; on the flat frame was to be a round lid, with a round top; in the round lid was to be an open panel, in which was to fit a piece of round French plate glass, to be covered with another round lid, with hinges and look; the inside was to be trimmed in splendid style, with no end of frills and fixings, which coffin made was to be adorned in a manner equally elaborate; her body was to be placed in a lead casket, which was to fit inside the rose-wood coffin, and the lid of which was to be soldered in the cemetery before interment. This coffin the plaintiff was to have prepared according to Mrs. KILLORAN'S instructions, cost what it might, and if it should happen not to be ready by the time she died, she wished her body to be kept until it was ready, in short she wanted, she said, "a coffin the likes of which has never before been seen in the City and maybe never would again;" the witness added. "And God knows I think she got it;" in reference to her death-robe she was equally particular; she told the plaintiff that she had a tony woman come to her to take her idea of the kind of robe she wanted, but they must have been stupid, as they could not understand her; she wanted to know if he could not send her a woman who could take her idea and make it up; he replied he could send her a woman who could take any idea she ever had, and make it up, and he did send a woman to the woman she gave her instructions, together with samples of the kind of goods she wanted, the name of the place where it could be got, and the price it would cost; the robe was made accordingly; plaintiff ventured to inquire if her family or executors might not object to the expense, when she replied it was none of their business; all she had to do was to carry out her ideas; she had earned the money herself, and would have it spent as she saw fit, and she employed him because she knew he would carry out her instructions in reference to her burial. Mrs. KILLORAN was buried, and the coffin alone, prepared according to her instructions, cost $600 00. Considerable amusement was created in the course of the testimony quotations put to the plaintiff and witty answers returned, among which may be mentioned the following:

Q. Have you buried persons living in the second story of tenement-houses similar to that in which Mrs. KILLORAN lived?

A. If they were living I wouldn't want to bury them.

The jury rendered a verdict in favor of plaintiff for the full amount claimed, with interest, amounting in all to $1,464 70.

The Proposed Testimonial to Mr. Bergh Declined.

The following letter has been addressed to Rev. Dr. BELLOWS, by the President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:

Rev. Henry W. Bellows:

DEAR SIR: In the DAILY TIMES of this morning, there is a paragraph, saying that a testimonial is preparing for presentation to me, in token of appreciation of my incessant labors in the cause of humanity, in protecting God's dumb creatures from cruelty." I have heard before that such a purpose was in contemplation by the ladies of New-York; but as it was mere rumor—however flattering to me—I treated it only as so much friendly nonsense. Now, however, that it has assumed the character of probability, by reason of your honored name appearing in connection with it, you will, I am sure, pardon me for thus publicly alluding to it. I cannot accept a testimonial for the mere expression of the insufficient service I have performed, in a sense which is that of consolence, and which carries, alone with it its own reward. The creatures whose protection is thus promised by the society I represent have their claims based not only on the Christian and civilizing instincts of our race, but upon our compassion, for the tremendous benefits which they render us in the shape of labor, food and clothing. I feel overwhelmed with gratitude that I have been partially the indebted for my nomination to the useful position I hold, which enables me to aid in carrying out the merciful ideas of my fellow-citizens toward these lowly beings; and I should be false to my own impulses were I to consent in any manner to permit it to be inferred that in declining, as I do, this gratifying mark of their approval, I fail to appreciate to its fullest extent the distinguished honor which is manifested by those fair and generous ladies and excellent gentlemen.

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant,

HENRY BERGH.

APRIL 17, 1871.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 17.—The following is the day calendar for the Court of Appeals for April 18: Nos. 192, 193, 114, 62, 177, 186, 6, 195.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Barnard, P. J., and Barnard and Clerke, JJ.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
20—Atwood vs. Kirby.	29—Cumming vs. Oliver.
25—Belle vs. Waterbury.	280—Trundy vs. Post.
226—Nicoll vs. Fash.	231—Lippman vs. McMahon.
233—Bennett vs. Oliver.	232—Hinton vs. Wolfe, Jr.
213—Shortland vs. Van Gaasbeek.	233—Lawton vs. Martin.
214—Same vs. Same.	234—Lawton vs. Wheeler.
211—Foster vs. Townsend Manufacturing Co.	235—Schuchardt vs. The Mayor.
216—Price vs. Price.	236—Dougherty vs. The Mayor.
239—Dawson vs. Yates.	237—Hamersley vs. The Mayor.
226—Wall vs. Ellis.	238—Powell vs. Farwell.
231—Delavan vs. Brown.	242—Stow vs. Beardsley.
232—Same vs. Schuyler.	
235—Reed vs. Niles.	
236—Roberts vs. Bardsell.	

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I.—Held by Van Brunt, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
87—Esmalts vs. Toledo Locomotive & Bar. R. R. Co.	229½—Lemply, Administrator, vs. Clark.
229½—Gerding vs. Kobbe.	230½—Clifton vs. Felton.
58—Willis vs. Weaver.	232—Hoyt vs. Sibley et al.
253 (R. C.)—Buchanan vs. Kelsey.	240—Hoyt vs. Same et al. vs. Syracuse et al.
129 (R. C.)—Rice vs. Wilmerding et al.	271—Waters vs. Trenor.
2—Swords, &c., vs. Edgarton, &c.	272—Lake vs. Jones et al.
227—N. Y. Guaranty and Indemnity Co. vs. Flynn et al.	275—Wolberg et al. vs. Same.
45—Amer. Nat. Bank vs. Waggoner, Jr., et al.	277—Dempsey vs. Appleton
171—Broome vs. Stoughton.	279—Fiedler vs. Lemon et al.
	281—Fiedler et al. vs. Same.
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on 5-20's 4 cent. on a lower valuation, we are not able, on reliable information, to say.

The Public Funds were strong today on the London quotations for all our 5-20s and 10-40s coupon Bonds, and the long 6 cents of 1881 advanced to 117¼ cent. The Southern State Bonds were generally steady. The Pacific Railway Bonds were firm; the Centrals 97½@97¾; the Union first mortgage 90@90¼ cent.; the Incomes 80¾, and the Land Grants 78 cent.

After the late Boards the following quotations were made as compared with Saturday night. The Railway speculation left off strong, and Gold and Exchange and the Public Funds firm.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—APRIL 17.

	Saturday.	Monday.
United States 10-40s	109	109½
United States 5-20s of 1865	113¾	113¾
United States 5-20s of 1867	113½	113½
American Gold	110¾	110¾
Bills on London, 60 days	110	110
N. Y. C. and Hudson	99¼	99¼
N. Y. C. and H. Debt. Cfts	95¼	96¼
Reading Railroad	108½	109½
Chicago and Rock Island	111¾	112¾
North-west Common	80½	80½
North-west Preferred	97¾	97¾
Pacific Mail	44¾	45¼
St. Paul Preferred	80½	80
St. Paul Common	61¾	62¼
Lake Shore	105½	106¼
Ohio and Mississippi	53¼	53¾
Toledo and Wabash	62¾	62¾
Western Telegraph	53¾	53¾
Erie	90¾	90¾
Union Pacific	30¾	31¼

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, April 17.

Gold receipts	$105,217 75
Gold payments	104,943 26
Gold balance	68,546,879 26
Currency receipts	361,699 27
Currency payments	363,619 31
Currency balance	8,140,818 00
Customs	373,400 00

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds at the United States:

6 cent. reg., 1881	117	5-20 coup., 1867	113¾
6 cent. coup., 1881	117¾	5-20 coup., 1868	113¾
5-20 coup., 1862	113¾	10-40 registered	104¾
5-20 coup., 1864	113¾	10-40 coupon	107¾
5-20 coup., 1865	113¾	6s currency	111¾
5-20 coup., 1865, new	113¾		

And the following for the State Bonds:

Tenn. 6s, old	68½	California 7s	110¾
Tenn. 6s, new bonds	67½	Connecticut 6s	101
Va. 6s, old	71½	Rhode Island 6s	101
Va. 6s, new bonds	72¾	Alabama 5s	70
Va. 6s, reg., old	57	Alabama 8s	100
Va. 6s, reg., new	71¾	Louisiana 6s, old	53
Georgia 6s	93	Ark. 7s, L. R. & F. S. Is	83½
Ga. 7s, new bonds	93½	Ohio 6s	107½
N. Carolina 6s, old	27½	Ohio 6s	104
N. C. Fdg. Act, '66	31	Ill. Cent. 6s, '66	104
N. C. Fdg. Act, '68	31	Ill. Cent. bonds, 8 per cent	107½
N. C. new bonds	25¾	Ill. Cent. 6s, 77	100
N. C. Special Tax	18¾	Ill. Cent. 6s, 79	100
S. Carolina 6s	63	Ill. War Loan	100
S. C. 6s, Jan. & July	63¾	Ind. 5s, War Loan	100
Missouri 6s	92	Indiana 5s	100
Mo. 6s, H. & St. J. Iss	91¾	N. Y. Reg. B'ty L'n	105
La. 6s, new Fisack'g Ds	91	N. Y. Coup. B'ty L'n	105½
La. 6s, Penn. Ds	91¾	N. Y. Sup. Ct. 7s	104½
La. 6s, Levee bonds	77	N. Y. 6s, Can. L.	100
La. 6s, Lev. Is. of '75	88	N. Y. 5s, Can. L. '76	100

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, '70	98¾	Tol. & W. Con. Conv.	84
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87	97¾	Han. & Naples 1st	65
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Real E.	93¾	Ga. West. 1st, '88	89¾
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub	91	Ga. West. 2d, '88	80
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	104½	Quincy & Tol. 1st	90
N. Y. Cen. 7s, Con. '76	98	Ill. & So. Iowa 1st	80
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '65-'76	102	Gal. & Chi. Ex	100
Erie 1st Ext	99	Gal. & Chi. 2d	87¾
Erie 1st Ref	94	Chi. & Mil. 1st	94
Erie 7s, 2d, '75	91	Morris & Essex 1st	108
Erie 7s, 3d, '76	83½	Morris & Essex 2d	96
Erie 7s, 4th, '77	81¾	Clev. & Tol. S. F	103¾
Erie 7s, 5th, '78	80	N. Y. Cen. new bds	103¾
Erie 7s, 6th, '79	80	N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87	97¾
Erie 7s, 7th, '80	80	P. F. W. & C. 1st	93
Harlem 1st	103	P. F. W. & C. 2d	93
Harlem 2d	97	P. Ft. W. & C. 3d	83
Mich. Cen. 8s, '75	101	P. Ft. W. & C. Con	93
C. R. & Q. 7s, 1st	113¾	Clev. & Pitts. 1st	97
Mich. So. 7s, '75	90	Clev. & Pitts. 2d	90
M. S. & N. I. R. F. 7s	100	Clev. & Pitts. 3d	84
Mich. So. guar. 1st	86	Clev. & Pitts. 4th	83
Cen. Pac. 1st, 6s, gold	97¾	Chi. & Ft. Wayne 1st	90¾
Union Pac. 1st, bds	86¾	Chi. & Alt. 1st	91
Union Pac. L. G. 7s	77¾	Chi. & Miss 1st	90¾
Union Pac. Inc. 10s	72	Chi. & Mich. Con	93¾
Ill. Cen. 7 per cent.	93¾	Chi. & Mil. 1st	93
Alt. & T. H. 1st	95	Peninsula bds	80
Alt. & T. H. M. Pr	80	St. L. & Iron M. 1st	91¾
Alt. & T. H. M. Inc	70	Mil. & Chi. Inc. 1st	83
Chi. & N. W. 1st, Sk. Fd	93¾	Mil. & St. P. 1st 7-3-10	93¾
Chi. & N. W. Ex. bds	84¾	Mil. & St. P. & M. D.	99
Chi. & N. W. 1st	86	Mil. & St. P. M.	94
Chi. & N. W. 2d, 7 per ct.	84¾	Col. Chi. & Ind. 1st	87¾
Ham. & St. Jo. Con	80	Col. Chi. & Ind. 2d	74
Lack. & West. bds	100	Tol. P. & W. R. D	93¾
Del. Lack. & W. 1st	98	Tol. P. & W. W. D	87
Del. Lack. & W. 2d	94¾	Tol. P. & W. 2d	71
Tol. & Wab. Ext. 1st	90	N. Y. & N. H. Ds	97
P. & W. 1st, St. L. div.	93¾	Bos., H. & E. Gen	85
Tol. & W. 2d	82	Cedar Falls & M. 1st	83
Tol. & W. Ex. bds	86		

And the following for the City Bank Stocks and Miscellaneous Shares:

New-York	123¼	Corn Exchange	110
Manhattan	153½	Continental	93
Merchants'	115¾	St. Nicholas	114
Mechanics'	126	Marine	145
Union	145	Commonwealth	90
America	120	Importers & Traders'	140
City	220	Manuf. & Merchants	100
North River	86	Central National	103¾
Tradesmen's	103½	Fourth National	110
Fulton	100	Ninth National	120
Greenwich	210	Tenth National	130
Butchers' & Drovers'	140	Oriental	103
Mechanics' & Traders'	100	Gold Exchange	70
Leather	240	Pac. & Hudson Canal	117
Merchants' Exchange	102½	Quicksilver	18
Seventh Ward	107	Maryland Coal Co	34
State of New-York	113	American Coal	45
Commerce	113	Spring Mountain Coal	40
Mechanics' Bkg Ass	110	Canton Co	60
Broadway	220	Consol. Coal of Md	35
Ocean	90	Western Union Tel	35¾
Mercantile	120	Quicksilver Min. Co.	11¾
American Exchange	103¼	Pacific M. S. S. Co	15
Chatham	107	Mariposa Mining Co	6¾
Bank of the Republic	116	Mariposa M. Co. Pref.	11¾
Bank of N. America	103	Mariposa Trust. Cfts	22
Hanover	103½	Adams Express	97¾
Irving	90	Wells, Fargo Express	53
Metropolitan	138	Wells Far. Ex. Scrip	2
People's	140	Amer. Mer. U. Ex	46
Nassau	102	United States Ex	47¾
Market	95	Merch. Mail S. S. Co	45½
Mason	103¾		

PHILADELPHIA STOCK QUOTATIONS—APRIL 17.

Telegraphed to Messrs. E. D. Randolph & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
City 6s, old	101¾	102
City 6s, new	101¾	102
Camden & Amboy	119¾	119
Pennsylvania Central	64¾	64¾
Reading	109¾	109¾
Catawissa	37½	37¾
Catawissa Preferred	44	45
Philadelphia & Erie	28½	30
Northern Central	42¾	43¾
Lehigh Navigation	39¾	39¾
Lehigh Gold Loan	91¾	92¾

The earnings of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad Company for the first week in April were:

1871	$25,520 61
1870	23,121 37
Increase	$3,759 24

The Cleveland and Pittsburg Road shows the following earnings as compared with last season:

	1871.	1870.
In February	$127,013	$131,624
March	326,098	291,905
Decrease		$35,318
The Pacific Road, of Missouri, earned in—		
March, 1871		$213,984
First week in April		72,261
Together		$286,245
Against last season		271,623
Increase		$14,622
The Atlantic and Pacific Road earned:		
First week April, 1871		$20,117
Same week, 1870		18,252
Increase		$1,865

Messrs. J. J. Cisco & Son, bankers, of this City, agents of the Treasury for subscriptions to the New Loan, have sent forward a subscription for $300,000.

The following letter on Virginia finances has been communicated to the Stock Exchange:

RICHMOND, Va., April 11, 1871.

Your communication referring to the act just passed for funding the public debt of the State, and the consequent stopping of transfer and issue of stock, and inquiring who is entitled to interest on Virginia Registered Stock, where the owner delivers the same to another for transfer with power of attorney, dated prior to the 9th of June next, has been received. In order to afford facility, so far as possible, to a party holding stock with such a power of attorney, to obtain interest from the 1st of January last to the 1st of July next, a transfer may be made on the books of the Second Auditor at any time on or before the 9th day of June next, and the same certificate will be returned with an indorsement of such transfer. The transfer will be made only for the amount and on the original certificate. The power of attorney authorising such transfer will be retained in this office, and a new power will be required for any subsequent transfer of the same certificates. Where bonds and certificates are ready to be issued under the Funding bill, which will be on or about the 1st of July next, the certificate can be surrendered, either by the person to whom it has been last transferred, or his attorney, when it will be funded. The foregoing relates only to the transfer of Old Register Stock, as the original owner or purchaser of the New Stock holding the same, with power of attorney for transfer, is entitled to all the interest accrued or accruing from the date of issue until the same shall be surrendered and funded under the act just passed.

ASA ROGERS,
Second Auditor.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

HARVEY FISK. A. S. HATCH.

FISK & HATCH,

BANKERS AND DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,

No. 5 Nassau-st., New-York, April 18, 1871.

Holders of Five-twenty Bonds must shortly decide between an even exchange for Government Bonds bearing five, four and one-half, or four per cent. interest, and some other form of investment, in which the present premium on their Five-twenties may be saved, and their rate of interest remain unimpaired.

Safe and reliable six per cent. Securities, in which investors can feel confidence, must be largely sought after, and materially advance in market value, as it becomes apparent that the Five-twenties cannot be relied upon to run much longer at six per cent., and that hereafter Government Bonds cannot be expected to yield more than about four per cent. per annum on their cost.

THE CENTRAL PACIFIC GOLD BONDS are among the most desirable six per cent. securities in the market.

They are amply secured, are well known, and of established credit in all the principal money markets of the world, and are regularly quoted and dealt in at the Stock Exchanges of New-York, Amsterdam, Frankfort, Berlin and London, and are as readily salable in large or small amounts, at any time, at quoted market rates, as are Government bonds.

The earnings of the Central Pacific Railroad Company in 1870 were nearly $8,000,000, and the increase for three months of this year indicates that the earnings for 1871 will not be less than from $10,000,000 to $12,000,000, with a net profit of not less than $6,000,000.

We deal in these bonds, and buy and sell them at current market rates, and believe them to be as absolutely safe as any investment can be.

They can now be had in exchange for Five-twenties at a profit of about fifteen per cent. This profit may be realized, and six per cent. Gold interest continued with entire safety.

FISK & HATCH.

☞ NEW LOAN OF THE UNITED STATES.

The subscriptions to the New Five Per Cent. Stock of the United States now amount to about $60,000,000. They are confidently expected to reach $200,000,000 by the time the New Bonds are ready for delivery in May. The proposals of the Secretary of the Treasury will then be changed to the following programme:

First—Bonds to the amount of three hundred millions of dollars, payable in coin, at the pleasure of the United States, after ten years from the date of their issue, and bearing interest, payable quarterly in coin, at the rate of five per cent. per annum.

Second—Bonds to the amount of three hundred millions of dollars, payable in coin, at the pleasure of the United States, after fifteen years from the date of their issue, and bearing interest, payable quarterly in coin, at the rate of four and a half per cent. per annum.

Third—Bonds to the amount of seven hundred millions of dollars, payable in coin, at the pleasure of the United States, after thirty years from the date of their issue, and bearing interest, payable quarterly in coin, at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

Subscriptions to the loan will have preference, after the above-mentioned two hundred millions are taken up, in the following order, namely:

First—Subscriptions for equal amounts of each class of bonds.

Second—Subscriptions for equal amounts of bonds bearing interest at the rate of four and a half per cent., and of bonds bearing interest at the rate of five per cent.

Third—Subscriptions for any five per cent. bonds that may not be subscribed for in the preceding classes.

Subscriptions to the remainder of the $200,000,000 of five per cents., which are unconditional, are now going on, and the bonds will soon be issued to the subscribers, who can receive a scrip certificate in advance if they desire to pay their gold or exchange United States 5-20s at once, in the registered or coupon form. Registered bonds will be issued of the denominations of $50, $100, $500, $1,000, $5,000 and $10,000, and coupon bonds of each denomination except the last two. The interest will be payable in the United States at the office of the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer, or designated depository of the Government, quarterly, on the first days of February, May, August and November, in each year.

The bonds of the several classes aforesaid, and the interest thereon, are exempt from the payment of all taxes or dues of the United States, as well as from taxation in any form by or under State, municipal, or local authority.

After maturity of the bonds last issued will be first redeemed, by classes and numbers, as may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The reduction of the public debt since the close of the war of the rebellion, and the relief, at the same time, to the annual burden of interest, are as follows:

Principal of debt, 1865	$2,758,236,276
Paid under Johnson	265,555,971
Principal, March 4, 1869	$2,491,990,904
Paid under Grant	225,063,878
Present public debt	$2,266,916,531
Interest charge, 1865	151,822,001
Reduced in four years by payments and funding	22,442,201
Interest charge, 1869	$129,379,800
Reduced in two years by payment	12,062,236
Present interest charge	$114,236,563

The proposed further reduction of the annual interest charge upon the public debt by refunding is as follows:

By exchange of $500,000,000 United States six per cents for new five per cents of 1881	$5,000,000
By exchange of $500,000,000 United States six per cents for four and a half per cents of 1882	4,500,000
By exchange of $700,000,000 United States six per cents for four per cents of 1901	14,000,000
Total saving per annum by refunding	$23,500,000

The whole proceeds of the new loans will be applied to the payment or redemption and cancellation of the 5-20 years six per cent. bonds, and, in addition to these proceeds, the 5-20s are now being reduced by purchase at the rate of $10,000,000 per month.

C. C. NORVELL,
In charge of advertising United States loans.
TREASURY OFFICE, NEW-YORK, April 15.

☞ INVESTMENT SECURITIES.

To parties seeking perfectly safe and remunerative investments, we especially commend the First Mortgage Bonds of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. These bonds are payable in gold at the expiration of thirty years, with interest, payable in gold semi-annually, at the rate of 7 3-10 per annum, and are a first and only mortgage upon the road, its rolling stock and franchises, and also upon a valuable land grant of 25,000 acres per mile of road.

Maps and pamphlets fully descriptive of this road and its bonds, can be obtained of

JAY COOKE & CO.,
Fiscal Agents Northern Pacific Railroad,
No. 20 Wall-st., New-York.

☞ WE INVITE AN EXAMINATION INTO the merits of the HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY FIRST MORTGAGE LAND GRANT SINKING FUND 7 PER CENT. GOLD BONDS.

Present net earnings more than three times the interest on the present issue of bonds.

The New-York Director is Mr. William E. Dodge, of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co., to whom we refer.

Circulars, with maps and particulars, can be had on application.

Price, 90 and accrued interest in currency.

DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO.,
No. 18 Wall-st.

☞ BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS AND MINNESOTA RAILWAY.—The completion of this Road has given to its First Mortgage Seven Per Cent. Gold Bonds an established character equal to any mortgage loans dealt in at the Stock Exchange. We are prepared to buy and sell these bonds, at any time, at our banking-house, at market price—thus placing them on the same basis, for temporary or permanent investment, with Governments or any other security.

These bonds are a first and only mortgage of $20,000 per mile, based on a railroad that has cost $40,000, and which commands, without competition, all the traffic of Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota—shortening the distance from St. Paul to Chicago 45 miles, and to St. Louis more than 90 miles.

The net earnings are already largely in excess of interest on the bonds, and no doubt exists that they will more than double within the ensuing year.

A contract has been secured with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company obligating the latter to invest 30 per cent. of gross earnings derived from traffic with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Road in the bonds of this Company. This arrangement makes a practical consolidation of the two roads, and establishes a large sinking fund for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Bonds.

The convertibility privilege in these bonds enables them to be exchanged for stock, at par, at any time. This secures to the holder, at his option, a share in any excess of earnings over the interest obligation.

An exchange of Government securities for these bonds returns 9¼ per cent. interest, instead of 5 per cent., which is all that Governments pay at present price, besides having an immediate gain of about 20 per cent. in price for reinvestment.

The subscription price of the bonds is 90, and accrued interest in currency.

All marketable securities taken in exchange, free of commission and express charges.

HENRY CLEWS & CO., No. 32 Wall-st.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Monday, April 17, 1871.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkg	20	Moss, bales	242
Beef, bbls	4	Rosin, bbls	420
Brown Corn, bales	16	Tar, bbls	77
Cotton, bales	5,236	Butter, pkg	1,222
Cotton-seed meal	1,451	Cheese, boxes	760
Cotton-seed Oil, bbls	144	Pork, bbls	27
Copper, bbls	14	Lard, pkg	145
Dried Fruit, pkg	1,500	Lard, bbls	414
Eggs, bbls	2,683	Cut-meats pkg	246
Flour, bbls	9,850	Grease, pkg	16
Corn-meal, bbls	200	Peanuts, bags	110
Wheat, bushels	10,200	Rice, pkg	6
Corn, bushels	60,462	Sumac, bags	65
Oats, bushels	12,875	Skins, bales	93
Barley, bushels	2,000	Starch, boxes	110
Malt, bushels	1,500	Oil, Lard, bbls	40
Beans, bushels	162	Tea, half chests	6
Hops, bales	224	Tow, bales	11
Hides, No	3,451	Tobacco, hhds	449
Hides, dressed	220	Tobacco, boxes & cs	1,067
Leather, sides	12,952	Whisky, bbls	453
Leather rolls	358	Wool, bales	794

The export clearances since our last, as reported at the Merchants' Exchange, Pine-street, have been as follows:

By the ship *Ambria*, for Liverpool—91,828 bushels Wheat, 75 hhds. Tallow, 877 bales Cotton, 1,400 Staves, 966 lcs. Lard.

By the steamer *Weser*, for Bremen—321 bales Cotton, 22 bbls. Beef, 20 bbls. Tallow, 200 lbs. Lard, 421 hhds. Tobacco, 101 cases Tobacco, 24 bales Furs and Skins, 11 cases Cigars, 16 bbls. Dried Apples, 40 Boxes, 256 bbls. Shoe-pegs.

By the bark *Ino*, for Konigsberg—2,462 bbls. Refined Petroleum.

By the bark *Adalaz*, for Konigsberg—2,852 bbls. Refined Petroleum.

By the brig *Emelia Celestina*, for Naples—624 bbls. Refined Petroleum, 1,853 cases Refined Petroleum, 1 case Oil Pumps.

By the brig *Clorendo*, for Malta—87,000 gallons Refined Petroleum.

By the bark *Maria*, for Trieste—2,400 bbls. Refined Petroleum.

ASHES—Continue in demand at firm prices, including Pots at $6 75@7 25, and Pearls at $6 75@8 25, ₱ 100 lbs.

BRICKS—Have been in fair request at full rates.

CANDLES—The market has been quoted steady, but has been very dull.

CEMENT—Has been salable at unaltered prices.

COAL—The market has been quiet, and prices have been more or less nominal in the absence of sales.

COCOA—Has been in moderate demand and steady.

COFFEE—Has been dull, since our last, at about previous quotations, which are more or less nominal. Of Rio, ——— bags by the *Halley* were placed on private terms. We quote Java at 19c.@22c.; Maracaibo, 14c.@16c.; Laguayra, 14¼c.@16¼c.; Rio, 10c.@13¾c., in bond; Native Ceylon, 15¾c.@17c.; Jamaica, 13c.@15¼c.; Singapore, 14c.@16c.; Costa Rica, 15¾c.@17¾c.; Manilla, 14c.@15c.; Mexican, 13c.@17c.; Savanilla, 13½c.@16¼c.; Curacoa, 13c.@16c.; San Domingo, in Bond, 9¾c.@10c., gold, ₱ lb.

COTTON—Has been in less demand, and the better grades have been quoted ¼c. ₱ lb. lower. Sales, 3,371 bales for early delivery, (of which 175 bales were to arrive,) including 2,823 bales to shippers, 322 bales to spinners, and the balance to speculators. Also, 1,300 bales for forward delivery, basis of Low Middling, including on Saturday evening, for April, 300 bales at 13¾c., July, 200 bales at 14c.; August, 300 bales at 14c.; 100 bales July, and 100 bales August, at 13 15-16c.; September, and October, April, 100 bales at 13 13-16c.; 200 bales at 13¾c.; 200 bales at 13 13-16c.; 1,000 bales at 13¾c.; May, 400 bales at 13¾c.; 300 bales at 13 11-16c.; 200 bales each, April, May and June, at 13¾c., together; 100 bales May and 300 bales June, at 13¾c., together; 100 bales May and 200 bales June, at 13 11-16c., together; June, 1,000 bales at 13¾c.; December, 200 bales at 14¼c. Exchanged—300 bales April for 200 bales August, even. The average quotations of Saturday's forward delivery sales, on an official basis, were as follows: April, 13.36c.; May, 13¾c.; July, 14¼c. The receipts at this port, today, were: 6,233 bales, including 1,163 bales from Norfolk, 2,200 bales from New Orleans, and 1,870 bales from Charleston. 729 bales from Savannah, and 903 bales ₱ railroad.

Closing Prices of Cotton in New-York Today.

	Uplands.	Alabama.	N. O.	Texas.
Ordinary	10¾	11	11¼	11¾
Good Ordinary	12¾	13	13¼	13¾
Low Middling	13¾	14	14¼	14¾
Middling	14¾	14¾	15¼	15¾
Good Middling	15¾	15¾	16¼	16¾

The quotations are based on Cotton running in quality net more than half a grade above or below the grade quoted:

Movements of Cotton at this Port. Bales.

Receipts thus far this week	8,334
Receipts last week	20,769
Receipts the preceding week	20,876
Receipts since Sept. 1, 1870	879,977
Receipts year ending Sept. 1, 1870	769,243
Receipts preceding year	699,497
Exports since our last	16,091
Exports since Sept. 1	816,081
Exports for the year ending Sept. 1, 1870	630,042
Exports for the year ending September, 1869	522,507
Estimated stock here	107,000
Stock on hand last year	97,874

The following shows the coastwise movement of the receipts at the ports thus far this week, with comparisons:

	Saturday.	Monday.	Thus far last week.	Total to-day.	Total week.	Total this year.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Week.	Year.	Bales.
Galveston	1,293	1,875	3,983	7,444	4,193	
N. Orleans	3,295	6,272	11,742	25,979	15,710	
Mobile	1,817	2,200	4,017	4,017	5,004	
Savannah	1,437	1,346	2,301	7,084	5,369	
Charleston	413	470	900	2,564	3,215	
Wilmington	28	207	235	235	209	
Norfolk	324	1,071	1,395	6,924	3,183	
Baltimore	76	53	129	1,019	280	
New-York	1,362	892	2,254	7,617	9,168	
Boston	67	....	209	461	232	
Various pts	....	....	....	404	236	
Total	9,290	15,429	25,021	63,927	40,626	
This day last year	8,984	18,062	....	63,927	....	
This day last year	....	....	....	....	40,336	
Total since Sept. 1, 1870	....	....	....	....	2,440,289	
Same time last year	....	....	....	....	1,956,426	

FEATHERS—Have been very quiet at from 65c.@75c. for Live Geese ₱ lb.

FISH—The demand has been limited for all kinds within our former range.

FOREIGN LIQUORS—Have been in light request as unchanged quotations.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market has been quite heavy for most kinds of State and Western Flour, and with rather freer offerings, particularly of the low and medium grades; prices have been quoted 5c.@10c. ₱ bbl. lower, without leading to anything like an active trade, the business having been mainly in a jobbing way. Sales have been reported since our last of 8,000 bbls., all told, including poor to choice Superfine State and Western at $5 10@5 45; inferior to very good Extra State, at $5 50@6 45; very good to fancy at $6 75@7 15; poor to good shipping brands round-hoop Extra Ohio at $6 10@6 75 ₱ bbl. We quote:

No. 2 Flour ₱ bbl	$4 70@5 00
Superfine State	5 10@5 40
Superfine State and Western	5 10@5 45
Extra State	5 45@7 15
Extra City, shipping brands	5 45@7 15
Extra Genesee	7 20@8 00
Extra Ohio, round-hoop shipping brands	6 10@6 75
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	6 80@8 00
Extra Western, shipping brands	5 25@6 70
Extra Western, trade and family brands	6 75@8 00
Extra Genesee, trade and family brands	6 75@8 00

Southern Flour has been in light request at declining prices, with sales reported since our last of 670 bbls., in lots, at $5 90@7 25 for poor to good, and $7 80@9 75 for good to choice Extra, ₱ bbl. Rye Flour has been in limited demand at from $4 75@5 10 for very inferior to choice, ₱ bbl., and $6 70@7 00 ₱ bbl. for Brandywine, in sleek demand at $3 80@4 25 for Yellow and White Western; $3 65@3 85 for Jersey; and $4 25@4 40 for Brandywine, ₱ bbl. in bbls. and bags. We quote Corn-meal, poor to good Jersey, at $3 60@3 90; Southern Flour, good to choice Extra ——— @7 00; Rye Flour, inferior to very choice ——— @5 10; Corn-meal, poor to choice ——— @4 00; Corn-meal, Brandywine ——— @4 50. All kinds have been quiet at about previous figures.

GRAIN—Wheat has been more active, but, under more liberal offerings of spring, prices have been quoted lower, with the main dealings reported on the basis of $1 60@1 60 for No. 2 Milwaukee, new crop Spring, afloat, and $1 67@1 68 for good to strictly prime do., in store. Some inquiry prevailed for old and mixed old and new crop Spring at $1 49@1 53; ₱ bushel. Rye has been in better request. Wheat was in light request within a range of $1 02@1 03 for new Crop, chiefly at $1 02@1 02½ for Amber, afloat; also, White Wheat at from $1 05@$1 09 ₱ bushel. The bulk of the business reported daily in Spring was for export. The general market closed dull, with rather more eagerness apparent on the part of dealers to place stock at the main figures. The latest sale was of prime No. 2 Spring at $1 60 afloat. The firmness in ocean freights was against buoyancy in values, as well as a free outward movement. Sales have been reported since our last of 91,000 bushels, in store and afloat, including Spring, Winter White and Western at $1 02@1 02½, $1 07½; Red and Amber Western at $1 02@1 03, chiefly at $1 02@1 03, for new Amber, afloat; No. 2 Spring, at $1 60, afloat, and $1 53 in store; No. 1 Spring, at $1 67, afloat, and for afloat; old and mixed Spring at $1 49@1 52½; White Genesee at $1 10@1 12; Red and Amber State at $1 02@$1 03, ₱ bushel. Corn has been moderately active, but demand lower. The business mainly in shipment, though to a fair extent for home-made purposes. Prices, which shared some degree of firmness early in the day, closed weak and in favor of the purchaser, owing partly to the free offerings and partly to the disappearance in ocean freights, which was against the export movement. Sales have been reported since our last of 73,000 bushels, part to arrive, at 74c. @ 77c. for inferior to prime new Mixed Western, closing at 76c. for afloat; for good shipping ——— @77c.; for Yellow Jersey, Western and Southern; 76c.@78c. for White do., ₱ bushel. Rye continues in light demand within the nominal range of 95c.@$1 00 for Western, and $1 02@$1 15 for State, ₱ bushel. Barley has been very quiet within the range of 95c.@$1 10 for poor ordinary to choice Canada West; 95c.@$1 for Western; 85c.@$1 for Canada; sales have been reported of 9,230 bushels. Barley-malt has been in steady request at 95c.@$1 30 for inferior to very choice Canada, $1 24@1 25 for Western, and 85c.@$1 05 for State; sales 3,000 bushels. Oats continue in limited request and drooping prices. Sales have been reported since our last of 32,000 bushels at 65c.@70c., as the extremes, for inferior to new prime White Mixed Pennsylvania, Jersey and Ohio, chiefly on the basis of 65c.@67c. for Mixed Western, in store, and from store and afloat, for Mixed Western; 65c.@66½c. for State; 67c.@69c. for White Ohio, from track, store and delivered, ₱ bushel. The export clearances since our last have been 23,828 bushels Wheat, for Liverpool, and 2,400 from Philadelphia, 12,228 bushels Corn for Londonderry.

Stock of Grain in Store in the New-York and Brooklyn Warehouses.

	April 3, 1871.	April 10, 1871.	April 17, 1871.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Wheat	926,576	811,571	689,837
Corn	155,736	248,947	342,446
Oats	146,624	151,984	157,004
Barley	209,569	164,776	133,247
Oats	849,629	720,343	634,129
Malt	191,124	171,337	172,228
Peas	353	353	353

HAY—Trade now has been in fair demand at $1 15 for shipping and $1 20@$1 45 for local use, ₱ 100 lbs. Straw has been in request at from 70c.@$1 25 for Short and Long, ₱ 100 lbs.

HEMP—Has been held with confidence, but has been without activity. At Boston, 2,200 bales Jute have been sold, partly at ——, currency, ₱ lb.

HOPS—Continue quiet since our last at 8c. @ 15c. for the range of grades of the crop of 1870, and 2c.@4c. for older growth, ₱ lb. Receipts, 224 bales; exports, —— bales.

LATHS, LIME AND LUMBER—Have been moderately sought after within our previous range.

MOLASSES—Has been very dull within our former range, the c ——— ings having been confined to job lots. We quote: Porto Rico at from 32c.@36c. for new; Cuba, 30c.@32c. for old, and 28c. @32c. for new; Trinidad, 30c.@32c., and New-Orleans at 40c.@70c., ₱ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Rosin has been in more demand, with sales since our last of 2,000 bbls. Strained at $2 85; 1,000 bbls. No. 2 at $2 77½@$2 80; and 200 bbls. No. 1 at $3 05@$3 07½ ₱ 280 lbs.; receipts, 433 bbls. Tar and Crude Turpentine unchanged. Spirits Turpentine has been in reduced stock and active request at advanced prices, closing firmly, with 46c. as the prevalent quotation for machantable; sales, 200 bbls. merchantable, part in store, at 44½c. and 45 bbls. New-York pkg., at 46c. ₱ gallon; receipts, 94 bbls. Crude Spirits Turpentine, 30c.@32c. ₱ gallon; Crude Rosins, $3 25@$3 30, the latter for choice White; Tar, $2 25@$2 75; Pitch, $2 75 ₱ bbl.

OILS—The market has been quoted firm for most kinds, though not remarkably active, even in the jobbing line. We quote: Crude Whale at 85c.@$1 for Southern and Northern; Bleached Whale, 70c.@72c.; Crude Sperm at $1 80@$1 85; Bleached Sperm, at $2 05@$2 10; Crude Menhaden, 40c.@42c.; Crude Seal, 65c.@70c.; Crude Cod, 60c.@65c.; Yellow, 65c.@66c.; White Winter Coal, 70c. ₱ gallon.

RICE—Has been in moderate request at $6 12½@$6 75, currency, for Western; $4 62½@$5 50, gold, for City, from East India scow, and $6 37½@$6 62½, gold, for City, in bbls., ₱ ton.

PETROLEUM—Crude in bulk has been in limited request and quoted less firm on the basis of 12¼c.@12¾c. ₱ gallon. Shipping Crude continues in rather more demand at 12¾c

The New York Times.

NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1871.

Amusements this Evening.

WALLACK'S THEATRE. Broadway, corner 13th-st. THE LIAR. Leading characters by Messrs. Lester Wallack, Gilbert, Mathews, Mrs. Clara Jennings and Miss Rosey Mestayer.

NIBLO'S GARDEN. Broadway, near Bleecker-st. RICHARD III. Leading characters by Messrs. Neil Warner, Morton, Lovick, Miss Caroline Cavan, Miss Postal and Miss Hawthorne.

BOOTH'S THEATRE. 23d-st., near 6th-av. RICHELIEU. Leading characters by Messrs. Edwin Booth, Lawrence Barrett and Miss Paterson.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE. Broadway, near 28th-st. MARRIED FOR MONEY, &c. Leading characters by Messrs. Charles Mathews, N. Davidge, Parkes, Burnett, Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Kate Newton.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

Sunday was passed quietly in Paris. The Communists are said to be confident. Decrees making requisitions for reinforcements on the inhabitants, street by street, have been issued. The operations about the city indicate a steady advance of the Government forces. The insurgents at Asnieres have been cut off and surrounded by Marshal MACMAHON, and the Prussian trenches at Meudon are occupied by Versailles troops. The Germans at St. Denis have moved nearer Paris by two kilometres, occupying a small town there. M. THIERS says the Government is "temporizing" to gather an overwhelming force and to allow the Parisians time to reflect. The London Times has another fit of despondency over the *Alabama* claims, and warns the British people not to entertain very high hopes that a treaty will be made which the United States Senate will ratify.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, upon the reception of the Kuklux bill from the House, a motion by Mr. TRUMBULL, that the Senate recede from its amendments that were not concurred in by the House, was rejected by yeas 17, nays 32—Messrs. Caldwell, Hill, Robertson, Schurz, Trumbull and Wright voting in the affirmative. A committee of conference was then ordered, to which the bill was committed. The Deficiency Appropriation bill was also shut to a conference committee. An amendment to the Constitution prohibiting State or municipal aid to sectarian schools was submitted, but objection was made, and it was withdrawn.

In the House, after the call of States, a preamble and resolutions proposing to limit taxation to $300,000,000 annually was introduced, and went over under the rule. A joint resolution was introduced by Gen. BUTLER to submit to the Joint High Commission the claims of American citizens imprisoned in England for supposed complicity in the Fenian disturbances in Ireland. The matter occupied the attention till the expiration of the morning hour. A resolution was adopted to organize a commission of army and navy officers to report on the removal of the Brooklyn Navy-yard and other matters connected therewith.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

The business in the State Senate was of a brief character, as only a few bills were reported and passed. A veto from the Governor of the bill for amending the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was received and sustained. A bill was introduced to amend the Election laws so as to cover cases of vacancy in the Legislature by providing for elections at any time, but in the event of an extra session of the Legislature having been called, the election must take place not less than ten days before such session; after which the Senate adjourned.

In the Assembly a large number of unimportant bills were passed, though no attempt was made to introduce Tammany measures in the day session. During the evening session the House, aided by Mr. WIMANS, passed the bill providing for a local Government for the City of New-York, and another for the reorganization of the same. The Two Per Cent. Tax bill, as amended by the House Committee, was ordered to a third reading. After some other business the Assembly adjourned.

GENERAL.

Mexican advices state that fifty-two of the journals advocate JUAREZ for re-election, forty favor PORFIRIO DIAZ and ten TEJADO. Gen. SANCHEZ PELIOA has been appointed Minister to Washington. A political assassination had been attempted in Morelos at the instigation of two members of the Legislature, who have been arrested. It is said that ROMERO, Minister of Finance; MEJIA, Minister of War; RANCARDO, Minister of the Interior, and SALVERAL, Minister of Justice, have been impeached, and will probably be consummated, as the President of the Supreme Court, TEJADA, is a candidate for the Presidency himself, in opposition to JUAREZ.

A jury in the Massachusetts Supreme Court has awarded $12,000 damages against the town of Ashfield, in favor of J. H. DYER, for personal injuries to plaintiff's wife, caused by a defect in the highway.

The steam-boat *J. S. Dunham*, from New-Orleans, struck a snag in the Arkansas River, at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning, below Little Rock, and sank in thirteen feet of water. No lives were lost. The steam-boat *Celeste* took off the passengers and cabin furniture.

Commander REMEY, of the United States steamer Plymouth, at Brest, informs the Navy Department that varioloid had appeared among the ship's company, and that he put into Brest and landed seven men on the 21st of March. He would remain there until the ship was free from disease.

The Troy Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session in that city for the past week, closed the session yesterday afternoon.

The mills and other property of the Charleston, Va., State and Railroad Company were burned on Saturday night, causing a loss of $150,000.

The body of Capt. GEORGE T. BELCH, formerly of a colored regiment, was found in a shallow grave, recently, near St. Louis. A fracture of the skull would indicate that he had been murdered.

Committees representing the coal operators had (the Working Men's Benevolent Association, met yesterday in Mauch Chunk, Penn., and, after a long struggle, agreed upon Judge ELWELL, of Columbia County, as umpire, and Judge SHARDING, of Luzerne County, in case Judge ELWELL should decline. The meeting adjourned till 9 A. M. today.

The financial statement of the Province of New-Brunswick for the ensuing year estimates a surplus of $12,000 with the strictest economy.

An application was received, yesterday, at the Treasury Department, from St. Petersburg, for an agency for the negotiation of the new loan, to be established in that city. The application was accompanied by a subscription to $10,000,000 of the new bonds by the house applying for the agency.

The gentleman who recently died suddenly in a hackney coach in this City, has been recognized as Rev. GEORGE BRADLEY, of Saginaw City, Isabella County, Michigan, who had been selected by the City Missionary Society as Indian Agent for all the Indians in the State, and was on his way to Washington for confirmation.

The Era of Political Corruption.

The disgraceful incident which has just taken place at Albany has attracted very general attention throughout the country, and we hope it will receive the careful consideration of Democrats as well as Republicans. They are once more afforded an opportunity of judging how far the clique which has obtained control of the Democratic Party in this State is deserving of public confidence. That clique asks the Democrats of other States to place themselves under its guidance. Yet it is doing something fresh every day to bring the Democratic Party into utter disrepute. It is responsible for every phase of the Erie swindle—including those amazing frauds on the foreign stockholders which have so much injured all our securities in foreign markets, and excited the just indignation of every American who has looked into the subject. It has originated those schemes for suppressing popular rights at elections, for gagging the Press, and for corrupting the Legislature and the Judiciary which have brought so much reproach upon our State. And now it comes out in the face of day, and openly proclaims that it governs, and wishes to govern, only by means of corruption. No Democrat connected with the Tammany gang sees the least impropriety in the transaction which has placed a mark, as indelible as that of Cain, on the forehead of the despicable wretch, ORANGE S. WIMANS. If you speak to them about it, they will only laugh and chuckle, and say that the "Boss" is too "darned smart" for the Republicans. On Saturday night, WIMANS was made a hero of at Fisk's Opera-house—where, indeed, rascals generally are sure of a cordial greeting from the King of rascals who keeps the place open, and goes flourishing about it with his fat person stuffed into a ridiculous uniform, like a jack-pudding. TWEED telegraphied from Albany to have special rooms fitted up at the Oriental Club-house for WIMANS' accommodation. There was no pretense at secrecy in the whole matter. The Democrats of this State rule solely by bribery and corruption, and when they buy a man they send him for a night's "treat" to New-York, where JAMES FISK, Jr., takes him in hand, and tries to make him a greater scoundrel than he was before—a job for which FISK's education and habits peculiarly qualify him.

In this City, WIMANS could probably have a statue if he wanted one, just as a thief known as the "Boss" can get one at any time; but we may fairly hope that the power of discriminating between right and wrong, honor and dishonor, is not so utterly lost elsewhere. We hope that there are still communities left in which WIMANS could not show his face without meeting with an extremely warm reception. The great point, however, which ought not to be lost sight of is this—the Democrats avowedly adopt political corruption as the fundamental principle of government. The work is not carried on by hirelings, but by the very heads of the party. "But Republicans are quite as bad," one hears it said. We submit that the recent struggle at Albany convicts any man as a stupid slanderer who makes that assertion. Sixty-three out of sixty-four Republicans stood firm—although many of them were poor men, and money without limit was offered to them for their votes. We say that these Republicans nobly vindicated the right of their party to govern this State. To get sixty-four men together, and find sixty-three of them honest, is a great thing as the world goes, and is a result which we have no reason to be ashamed of. A much smaller proportion would have saved the cities which were in ancient days destroyed by fire for their wickedness. Find, if you can, sixty-three members out of any sixty-four belonging to TWEED's gang who will refuse bribes. Our friends at Albany did not stand out in vain. They have given splendid encouragement to their party—they have, we sincerely trust, rendered it easy for Republicans to carry the State next Fall.

All that we ask of the public is to judge impartially between us. Let us dismiss for the moment party names and party cries. We do not appeal to the people as Republicans, but simply as men who earnestly desire to see political purity substituted for political corruption. If you show us a Republican and say that he is dishonest, we answer in Heaven's name, strike him down—never let him hold office again. Republicans or Democrats, give us honest men to rule over us, to make the laws, to administer them, to levy taxes, and fulfill the other functions of civilized government—and we will say not a word about party. Is this an unreasonable thing to ask? Does it look like wild partisanship, or "Radical hypocrisy?" We ask any fair man to look at the proceedings which took place in the Legislature only last night. Measures absolutely revolutionary in their character were hurried through the Assembly without anybody being permitted to say a single word about them. A scheme for abolishing the right of the Legislature to deal with questions of taxation was swept through without a solitary member of the House being even allowed to know what the bill really contained! We talk about LOUIS NAPOLEON's tyranny—it is easy enough to rave about other people's faults—but when did the Ex-Emperor ever attempt such a despotic proceeding as this? We need never go abroad for examples of a people submitting tamely to tyranny of the most odious kind. Let us first look at home. This Tax Levy scheme was ordered to a third reading last night without ever having been printed, without a word of explanation, and without a moment's debate. What other community in the world would quietly submit to so monstrous an abuse of parliamentary government? The Democrats are setting up a more intolerable despotism than any foreign potentate has attempted to establish for two hundred years past—and yet people only shrug their shoulders, and say, "it can't be helped."

Yes, it can be helped. Give us an honest Legislature next Fall, as you can easily do by your votes, and the past can still be redeemed. The absolutism which is now administered in contempt of the people can be broken down. It is a sad spectacle to see a great people kept in subjection by an irresistible force. It is a sadder sight by far to see them bending their necks voluntarily, without a murmur or a struggle, to the yoke of tyrants who will not allow them to use even the forms of free government. It was bad enough, no doubt, to live under the rule of LOUIS NAPOLEON. We used to say it was very strange a cultivated nation should submit to such degradation. But what right have we to criticise Frenchmen—we who submit tamely to be ruled by a gang of illiterate ruffians and swindlers, of whom TWEED, and FISK, and SWEENY, and CONNOLLY are the highest types?

What About Reorganization?

The occurrences of the past few days at Albany present much food for reflection to those honest Republicans—for some such there undoubtedly are—who have been opposed to the reorganization of the Republican Party in this City. That movement has for its sole object the destruction of the influence of Tammany Hall in the Republican Party. It is a movement to which Gen. GRANT has lent the whole power of his Administration, because he has clearly seen that so long as Tammany exercised its present influence over the party, there could be no hope of true political reform. It is a movement which has found its chief opposition among the friends of Senator FENTON—including those who were receiving the patronage of Tammany, those, few in number, who were too honest to accept that patronage, and those who were too insignificant to obtain it. It has thus come about that as a general thing the supporters of Gen. GRANT and Mr. CONKLING have favored reorganization, while the opponents of the Administration, and the friends of Senator FENTON, have opposed it, and favored the continuance of Tammany influence. As we have said, however, there are many exceptions of honest persons, who have not correctly appreciated the scope of the movement, or seen whither their course was leading them. We desire briefly to call the attention of such persons to a few facts of recent occurrence, as showing conclusively that opposition to reorganization means not only a continuance of Tammany control, but also means opposition to all valuable reforms.

For a long time past Senator FENTON has been practically acting with the Democrats at Washington. Coming to our own City, what do we find? The so-called Republican General Committee of this City is composed entirely of friends of Senator FENTON. Nearly or quite one-half of them are either the direct recipients of the patronage of Tammany, or are the mere dummies who represent men in receipt of such patronage. That Committee in one and the same evening proves its fidelity to Tammany, which feeds it, by passing, in spite of the remonstrance of Mr. GREELEY, resolutions refusing to submit to a reorganization in this City: while it proves its opposition to the Administration by the favorable reception of resolutions denouncing at once the appointments made by the Administration, and the course of the Republicans of the Senate in changing Mr. SUMNER's place upon committees. Again, when the lucrative position of counsel to the Tax Commissioners is made vacant by the resignation of one who prefers his party to office, the vacancy is filled by a gentleman whose only recommendation is that he is at once a noisy opponent of reorganization, and a friend of Mr. FENTON.

If we turn to Albany, we find the same combination at work. The Republican votes which have aided to pass Tammany's measures were given, as a general thing, by men who are friends of Mr. FENTON and opponents of reorganization. Certain Republicans of the latter kind have made an express bargain to remove from their positions as Commissioners for the building of the new capitol, Mr. CORNELL and Mr. TERWILLIGER, friends of the Administration and of reorganization, and to replace them by Mr. DEFEW, who already holds a position under Tammany Hall, and by Gen. MERRITT, who is Mr. FENTON's especial friend,—while they continue as a Commissioner HAMILTON HARRIS, because of his services as the faithful friend of JAY GOULD and of Mr. FENTON, and the go-between of both. And now, finally, when Tammany wants a Republican vote in the Assembly to pass its measures, when it must, in some way, get a man to violate his fealty to his party, and his repeated pledges to his associates, it selects as its worthy tool the man who has for years, by his position at the head of the Erie Railway shops at Dunkirk, controlled the Republican caucuses in that Assembly District in the interest of Senator FENTON,—the man who has been his man-of-all-work in that region. And this treachery follows, it is said, immediately upon a lengthened interview between JAY GOULD and Mr. FENTON.

The lesson which these facts teach is obvious. While, perhaps, there was at the outset no necessary connection between reorganization and opposition to Gen. GRANT, things have so shaped themselves that there now is practically such a connection. Some men have hitherto opposed reorganization who are honestly in favor of the Administration; but we do not see how they can continue to do so. At the same time, there is a necessary and direct connection between opposition to reorganization and the selling out to Tammany. It ought to have needed no new facts to show this, for it was patent and obvious to every thinking man; but the occurrences of the last few days must show it even to the thoughtless.

Senator FENTON is too good a politician to have originally intended to assume the position into which the course of events and the action of his friends have brought him. He knows that in the long run any politician who is found guilty of subserviency to Tammany Hall, will pass, not into oblivion, but into retirement. We therefore look to see him, now that the gulf opens before him, retrace his steps, and place himself squarely upon the platform of opposition to the Democratic Party at every point. At any rate, the lines are to be plainly drawn between Tammany and Anti-Tammany, and we must know by acts, not by words, on which side every man ranks himself.

Modern Banditti.

People in this country, reading in their newspapers, from time to time, accounts of that singular system of brigandage which infests Italy and Greece and Southern Spain, find it difficult to believe that in the nineteenth century, and in countries professing to be civilized, such a state of things can exist. The atrocious Marathon massacre seemed at the time of its occurrence like a horrible nightmare, and the stories related of the Italian banditti almost surpass belief. To most of us, indeed, the traditional ruffian of the Apennines is no longer anything more than a romantic embellishment of travel. Occasionally, however, rash voyagers find him still, to their cost, a most disagreeable reality.

A late correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* showed that even in a united Italy, this dangerous offspring of ignorance and misgovernment is still as flourishing and law-defying as ever. It is today represented by a hero, as picturesque and ferocious as any of the famous cut-throats of yore. GUIDICCHE, he is called, and some of his exploits savor of the marvelous. Not long since he was captured, but speedily escaped, carrying with him his jailer to his fastness on the mountains. To secure himself as far as possible against the danger of any future arrest, he took the precaution to kill the peasant who had denounced him as soon as he was free. This act of retributive justice he accomplished alone, in the presence of four or five friends of the victim, who apparently regarded it as a matter of course, and GUIDICCHE himself reported it to the authorities; and so effectual was the example that, though a strong body of troops was instantly sent in pursuit of the murderer, he has always, through the aid of the country people, been enabled to escape.

Looking from across the ocean at these barbarous anachronisms, it seems impossible to realize that they do actually exist. Yet, in some parts of our own country, with far less excuse, there is rife today a brigandage as lawless and as fierce. The feat lately perpetrated in Kansas, of hanging certain horse-thieves by the heels till they were dead, exceeds in sickening cruelty the worst tale that is told of European villainy. And the ferocity of which this was a sporadic outburst appears to be epidemic in the South. Almost every Southern State is infested by a murderous banditti, who rob and slay without scruple, and apparently with entire impunity. Not a day passes without the report of some fresh outrage. Always it is a single man taken from his home in the dead of night by fifty or a hundred masked and armed cowards, and either shot, or hanged, or whipped nearly to death, and then banished from his home. Invariably the victim belongs to one of two classes—he is either a negro or a white Republican. Within a week or so our columns have been crowded with stories of such atrocities in almost every Southern State, from the massacre at Meridian, in Mississippi, to the assassination of Mr. DICKINSON in Florida. On Saturday we reprinted from a South Carolina paper an account of the merciless whipping of Mr. LONG, a Northern merchant, who was dragged from his house at midnight, and given nearly two hundred lashes by men who openly proclaimed themselves as Kukluxes. The same party finished their night's sport by murdering an industrious negro tinner. In Monday's paper we published the letter of Mr. WHEELER, a trustee of Berea College in Kentucky, describing how, after being fired at, he was taken from his hotel at night by armed men, beaten with hickory whips, and threatened with death.

It is idle to say that these things are the work of chance ruffianism, or that they are not inspired by a political purpose. In every case the victim is, as we have said, of one description. Equally futile is the assertion that the reports are manufactured for political effect. In almost every case we have copied them from Southern, and generally Democratic papers. We need not pause to draw from these accumulated facts any conclusion, but we leave it to the intelligent opinion of the entire country to say if it is not time to rescue its fairest sections from the terrorism of a banditti more ferocious and cowardly than any foreign gang.

Playing at War.

Some time ago the directors of the Crystal Palace at Sydenham incurred severe strictures from the Press for setting before their visitors a dramatic representation of the burning of Kehl. It seemed in bad taste, to say the least, thus to turn to account the miseries of an unhappy people groaning under the burden of war. The taste for histrionic illustration is very strong, however, as may well be believed when we hear that several dramas descriptive of episodes in the war have already been written, and that at least two such pieces have for some time been running in Berlin. It does not improve us quite favorably to hear that these latter one of which, "Wir Barbaren," has been acted one hundred and fifty nights, deal with their theme altogether in its ludicrous aspects, and by no means attempt, like ROBERTSON's weak but well-meant drama of "War," to enforce a lesson in the interests of peace.

One of these pieces, acted at Kroll's, in the Thiergarten, depends in a considerable degree upon an absurd picture of a war correspondent, who seems to be a kind of English Jefferson Brick. The London papers assert that he is a base caricature, and no more like any figure in nature than CHAM's renowned *Anglais à Mabille*. This war correspondent wears "a heavy Scotch plaid, made fast over a light Derby dress-coat, cut in the shape of a dressing-gown." He likewise sports a white hat, and a many-jointed telescope. He invariably turns up in the crisis of action, and calmly surveys the field, whatever the peril of his situation. In one scene a shell takes his hat off, but he quietly replaces it—much as one of DUMAS' Three Guardsmen would have done at the siege of Rochelle—and goes on with his observations. The whole scope and tenor of the play seem, however, to be jocular, and it is surprising, when we remember the amiable nature of the German people, that while their armies were still in the field, and reports of dreadful carnage were arriving almost daily, dramatic productions, founded so exclusively on the grotesque aspects or incidents of war, should have found such welcome acceptance.

"The piece called "Wir Barbaren," (We Barbarians,) brought out at the Wolterdorff Theatre, has been exceedingly popular, and in some details of arrangement is not unlike "Ours." The first act takes place in Berlin, the second in Alsace, the third before the walls of Paris. From the accounts, such a polyglot piece of work can seldom have been seen. United Germany is typified by the juxtaposition of the dialects of Bavaria, Brandenburg, Suabia, Westphalia, Franconia and Alsace. Most of the representatives of these are of a humorous character, and the only talk of a different sort wherewith the fun is interpolated is what one critic calls "the very noblest and tallest sentiment, pregnant with patriotism hot from the war mint." In the second act there is much ridicule of the exaggerated stories of German barbarity. Some Alsatian girls relate to each other wild tales of young ladies being hung up by the heels to smoke in chimneys, and other atrocities apparently suggested by those of the romancer. Of course, the strangers in spiked helmets make love to the fair of the overrun territory, and of course they are treated with contumely at first and in a gentler spirit thereafter. This act is rich in combats, varied by episodes wherein cowardly Frenchmen are dragged about and made ridiculous, and the usual perverted notion of the people of a rival nation as adroitly catered for and exemplified. In the third act, before Paris, the resemblance to "Ours" is most pronounced. There are trenches, huts, falling snow, and soldiers "stamping about to keep themselves from freezing." Shells drop about in a pleasant way, messengers from Valerien, and one of the many low-comedy men lights his pipe at a burning fuse. This scene is further enlivened by comic political talk—the Bavarians coming in for a lion's share of ridicule. The play was brought out before Paris fell, so that it cannot have that event for climax, but it ends with two weddings, carrying out the resemblance we have noted, and is said to be much helped by the music, not of national airs alone, but by parodies of French comic songs; an artistic process that might find a counterpart in a burlesque, let us say of *La Belle Hélène* or the *Grande Duchesse de Gerolstein*.

Perhaps the accounts of these dramas dwell with too much emphasis on their comic aspects, and these may be, in fact, relieved by a moral treatment at intervals, so as to render them less repulsive. The horrors of war cannot wisely be dealt with in a spirit of unmixed levity, whether for a theatrical purpose or any other; and we should be sorry to believe that the German people can bring themselves to approve what looks so foreign to their many estimable qualities, and so much in keeping with one of the worst faults—that of handling all serious things with ignoble frivolity—of the unfortunate people of the country Germany has just overthrown.

Col. Coriolanus Fisk.

When CORIOLANUS was repudiated by his native city, he marched against it with an army to punish the outrage, and it was only in deference to the tears and entreaties of his mother and his wife that he gave up his implacable purpose of destruction. It is just possible that the touching scene which history and poetry have united to make familiar to us may be repeated on our own soil, and perhaps with a less gratifying denouement. A certain great warrior of our time is now chafing under a similar insult. A voluntary exile from his home for many years, which he has made remarkable by his conquests in almost every field of human effort, in finance and war, in politics and love alike—he desired to revisit in state the scene of his early recollections. He prepared a petition to the Council and the Conscript Fathers of the favored city, soliciting its freedom and its hospitalities for himself and his body guard. His modest prayer was treated with a contempt which, in classic days, might have expressed itself by scourging his herald beyond the walls, but in modern times contented itself with tearing up his letter. In spite of the intimation that the civic hospitalities should involve no expense, and that the hero would board his cohorts at his own cost, the hero was snubbed. And now the rash municipality, which has braved the wrath of its exiled son, doubtless awaits in trembling uncertainty the issue of his resentment.

Of course our readers have discerned under this little allegory the slight put upon the redoubtable Col. FISK by the Mayor and Common Council of Boston. Now it only remains to be seen whether history will here repeat itself. For ourselves, we have little doubt of the result. The insulted Colonel has an army and a fleet at his disposal. We take it that he will at once lead all his available forces to the chastisement of the offending town. While his navy pours into it, from the bay, a hot fire of mandamuses, the gallant Ninth will advance against it from the land like an army terrible with injunctions. In this pitiful strait the City of the Three Hills, like its prototype of the Seven, must inevitably succumb. Presently we shall see its insolent Mayor and arrogant Councilmen coming forth in humble guise with halters round their necks, praying abjectly enough for mercy and forgiveness. Of course they will be sent to the right-about at once by the haughty conqueror, and then, unless VOLUMNIA and VALERIA are happily at hand to soften the stern resolve of CORIOLANUS, who can predict the direful consequences? At the very least, Boston will be degraded from the rank of a freed city, and with Mr. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, let us say, for satrap, made tributary to New-York, while the guilty Magistrates are condemned to hard labor for life at the transfer-books of Erie. Perhaps they may be subjected to the still more dreadful punishment of being made foreign stockholders. That, however, is cruelty almost too inhuman for the most remorseless victor. Nevertheless, there is room for the gravest apprehensions, and unless the municipality of Boston is ready to bear such woes as we have faintly hinted at, it had better make submission at once. Our modern Coriolanus has subdued New-York: how could Boston hope to resist him?

MINOR TOPICS.

It seems generally conceded that the Paris insurgents are about to be driven to the point of surrender. The apathy exhibited at the Communal elections of Sunday is a dangerous omen for the organization at whose head M. BLANQUI has now been placed. It would be highly characteristic of the entire movement if the leaders were to be left to fret and fume amid a rapidly-diminishing train of followers, and the Commune should collapse like the pretentious bubble that it is. If the Government follow up their twenty-four hours' summons with energy and decision, they can be masters of every quarter of Paris before many days are over.

The Republican Senators in caucus yesterday refused, by a vote of 20 to 16, to consider the House Amnesty bill this session. The vote was taken on the motion of Senator ROBERTSON to amend the order of business so as to permit the consideration of this bill. The measure meets with favor from all the Republican Senators representing Southern States, and their judgment in the matter deserves great weight. What may be considered the dangerous classes only are discriminated against, and every reasonable presumption of severity is removed by its provisions. The action of the Republican Senators is thus clearly a matter for regret.

The column in the Place Vendome commemorative of the victories of NAPOLEON I., appears to be a decided eyesore to the party of revolution in Paris. At first it was proposed to cast it into cannon, and now we have the promising alternative presented of selling it to an American banker, who is said to have offered to purchase it for transportation to our Central Park. If the Parisians like it, there can be no possible objection to adding this imposing pile of monumental bronze to our somewhat scanty array of sculpture. But why, when they are at it, not throw in the Obelisk of Luxor and the Column of July, and so help as once to pay the German indemnity and exterminate the Napoleonic idea? We have enough of imperialism here to render the transfer eminently fitting.

We have already symptoms of elasticity in the provisions of the Tax Levy bill. The two per cent. rate is to be departed from, in case the City's proportion of State taxes should exceed that of last year. The "good faith" of TWEED and his political associates, so conspicuously manifested in their attack upon the Registry law, has thus received another example. We trust that the Citizens' Association, the *Evening Post*, and other indorsers of the Ring, find this latest move entirely to their satisfaction. But then it is repeated that the "Commissioners" will not want any more than twenty-five millions. Their friends would, of course, be greatly scandalized if they were by any chance to secure unlimited disposal of more than this modest sum. If anybody believes that this will be a sufficient limit to their capacity for plunder, he is not likely to have to wait long to be undeceived.

Mr. BERGH has gracefully declined the proposed testimonial in recognition of his unwearied and arduous labors on behalf of the brute creation. We hailed as a pleasing exception to the usual round of testimonials, one having an object in every way deserving of approval. In accepting the intention in lieu of the deed, Mr. BERGH has given an example which people with infinitely less claim on public gratitude might profitably imitate.

It is highly satisfactory to find that judicial juggling finds little favor with the Judges of the Second District of the Supreme Court of the State. The cases of WATSON B. FARR *vs.* JAMES FISK, Jr.; W. JOSLYN *vs.* WILLIAM HEATH et al., &c., representing some sixteen actions, growing out of the transactions of the memorable 29th of September, 1869, were very promptly restored, on Saturday, to their proper jurisdiction by the Brooklyn Judges, sitting in General Term. Justices JOSEPH F. BARNARD, GILBERT and HOUGHTON did not, as FISK and his partners fondly expected, keep the question that had reverted to them from the First District for a six months' consideration. The order of Judge BARNARD, of this City, removing these actions into his own Court, in time not made, and one more installment of justice may be expected to be meted out to the swindlers of Erie.

The magnitude of the swindle involved in the Viaduct Railroad bill will take some time to be fairly realized. As a very clear and convincing contribution toward this end, we would direct attention to the report of Mr. DEXTER A. HAWKINS, to be found in another column. A perusal of that paper will show the very unlimited powers of railroad construction which its clauses confer upon the Ring, as also the immense and unquestioned authority in the matter of street opening which it destroys. The companion measure—Senate bill No. 464. As Mr. HAWKINS remarks, the Viaduct Railroad will very likely start from the new Court-house, since it will unquestionably be an extension of the Court-house Job from Chambers-street to Harlem." For the outlay of public money upon such an object there was no possible excuse, save that the Ring insisted on making their own members and tools the incorporators, and thus destroyed any recommendations the scheme might have had as a financial investment. Capitalists can decline to be swindled; the people have no such power left them.

The *Evening Post* has not a word to say in condemnation of WIMANS. It is too much occupied in efforts to bring into discredit the Administration of President GRANT. WIMANS has sold himself to Tammany, and Tammany is about to reward the *Evening Post* by putting it on the list of papers to receive City advertisements. Therefore the Post cannot very well afford to denounce WIMANS for helping it to keep a corrupt party in power.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

THE REVIVAL OF "RICHARD III."

The Cibberian acting-copy of "Richard III." was interpreted at Niblo's last evening, and Mr. NEIL WARNER filled the leading part in the tragedy. The two changes are not made a whit too soon, and they are highly effective. The work is now interesting to a general audience, because it is familiar, and the principal actor turns to good advantage the numerous opportunities offered him by telling speeches and striking traditional business. The other characters are distributed as heretofore, an early resumption of *Rosedale* by Mr. L. R. SHEWELL being expected. Last evening, Mr. E. L. TILTON filled the part. The superb scenery and dresses, we have further to say, are exhibited under quite as favorable circumstances as they were by the more respected and less lofted version, and the performance comes to a timely end. The entertainment is brief, as at present all that could be desired, and there seems to be no obstacle to its attainment of a long and profitable run.

Miscellaneous.

HOWE & BAILEY'S CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.

This extensive establishment gave its first performance in this City last evening, at the Rink in Sixty-third-street, before one of the largest audiences ever gathered in that building. The entertainment opened with a splendid cavalcade, after which Master FAUST and RUTH contributed some excellent gymnastic performances. Miles. MARIE and ALICE, two graceful and daring equestrianes, were next introduced, with the "privileged jester," Mr. SEAL, who contrived to keep his audience in roars of laughter. Mr. JEM and Mr. JOSEPHS exhibited fine horsemanship, and to the ballooning, which followed, the former gentleman, with his brother, Wm. JEM, made some extraordinary displays of agility. After the performances in the arena, the wild animals were introduced and shown by Messrs. MAYFAIR, FRANCOO and MOLOCH. A change of performance is promised for each evening.

THE TAMMANY REPUBLICANS.

The Examination in the Eleventh District Postponed—Another Recess Borough in the Eighteenth District.

The Subcommittee of the Tammany Republican General Committee met last evening for the purpose of investigating the voters' lists of the Eleventh Election District of the Eighteenth Ward, Gen. COCHRANE being absent, and the fact that Mr. GILBERT was interested, the case of the Eleventh District was deferred until next meeting, and the charges against the Eighteenth District were taken up, Gen. FORTIN presiding. Mr. GEORGE H. VAN CLEEF, representing the district, objected to proceeding on the ground that there was not a quorum of the Committee present, and that the charges were not specific. The Committee stated substantially that the Association was fraudulently organized, that the ballot-boxes were stuffed in the primary elections, and that they will vote for the ticket of any party except Republicans and Tammany Democrats. The charges were made by Mr. C. PULLMAN. Mr. VAN CLEEF, on behalf of the organization, put in a general denial of the charges, and alleged that whatever frauds were perpetrated were in the interest of Mr. PULLMAN. Mr. PULLMAN stated that he made no charges against individuals, but against the manner in which the organization was conducted. Mr. GEORGE F. COOMBS testified that 100 names were stricken from the rolls on one occasion because some were dead, some had removed, some were Democrats, and some could not be found. Witness was one of the inspectors, and Messrs. PULLMAN, BOSS and RIGHTMEYER were the others. The appointments were made without, if they were Republicans and if they voted for Gen. GRANT. If they answered affirmatively they had their names enrolled. If objections were made, and a majority of the inspectors were agreed, the names were placed on the roll. Some of the persons against whom Mr. PULLMAN objected were enrolled, and some were not; on the revision of the roll, Mr. PULLMAN objected to the names of about 300, but witness, as Chairman, refused to put the question, because notice had not been given to the parties; every effort had been made to verify the list; about 1,000 names were struck off prior to November last; while these names were on the roll, primary and other elections were held, but about ninety names were struck off prior to the election to send delegates to Saratoga last Fall. The roll now embraces 600 names; about 300 names have been added since the Fall election. The district gave about 2,500 votes for Gen. GRANT. An affidavit from THOMAS STETSON was presented, but objection was made that it was not competent evidence. Mr. PULLMAN then moved an adjournment of the case. The Committee then adjourned to Monday evening next at 8 o'clock.

Close of the Chapin Home Fair.

The Chapin Home Fair, which was opened a week ago, was closed last evening with a grand promenade concert by the band of the Seventy-first Regiment, and a sale by auction of the remaining articles left on the various stalls. The Fair has been visited by over 30,000 people, and the net profits for the week are about $18,000. It is understood that lots of ground on Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets have been procured, and that $50,000 (besides the money received from the Fair) has been raised for the erection of a suitable building. The ladies have been indefatigable, and their tables have been bountifully supplied and liberally patronized.

The Ladies' Union Relief Association, who aid the sick and disabled soldiers' and widows and orphans of Union soldiers, have presided at three tables, and largely increased the receipts of the Fair. Most of these ladies are Universalists. The last number of the *Chapin Home Journal* cordially thanks the various contributors for the handsome manner in which they have answered the appeal of the Committee, and various other persons who have aided, mostly by their presence or by the loan of articles.

New-York Association of Sunday-School Teachers.

The New-York Association of Sunday-school Teachers met last evening at the Fourth-avenue Presbyterian Church. The church was well filled by those inter

ALBANY.

Commencement of the Ring Legislation.

Appearance of Mr. Winans in his Seat—Nearly All of Tweed's Jobs in Hand—How the Measures are Handled—Miscellaneous Matters.

From Our Special Correspondent.

ALBANY, Monday, April 17, 1871.

The Legislature convened at 10½ o'clock this morning, every Democratic member being present except O'Neil, including the new accession to the Tammany ranks from Chautauqua County.

Mr. Winans came in some ten minutes before the session opened, and sat down in the embrasure of a window back of the members' seats. Nobody noticed his presence, and when the Speaker's gavel came down he moved forward to his seat, and took position among the legislators. The first honors that were paid on the status of his new reputation was from a few ladies standing in the lobby, and craning their necks in every way to catch a good look at the latest development of Tammany strategy. Mr. Winans did not seem to covet the honors that were thus showered upon him, but looked like one who wanted to get away from the Assembly Chamber. The reading of the New-York papers with comments upon the vote, was generally indulged in.

No movement was made during the morning session to bring forward any of the Tammany bills, but it is understood that an attempt will be made this evening to take the Tax Levy out of its order and consider it in Committee of the Whole. This will require a two-thirds vote under the rules, but as a majority can change the rules, and have announced their determination to do so if necessary, the Republicans will probably not think it worth while to make an opposition which would be useless. The Tax Levy is not yet on the files of members, and has not been printed. No one can ascertain what the nature of the amendment is, and it is evidently the determination of the Ring to put the thing through without giving members a chance to examine it. All protests against such a course will be unavailing, and the Democracy, with the aid of their late Chautauqua purchase, will doubtless ride rough-shod over the rules of the House and the rights of the minority for the remainder of the session.

CLAIMS OF DRAFTED MEN REJECTED.

The only business of importance done at the morning session was the presentation of the majority and minority reports on the claims of drafted men and others for refunding the moneys paid by them. The majority report was adopted rejecting the bill introduced by Mr. Murphy authorizing the payment. The bill to direct a new election in Irving's district, which passed the House on Saturday by the aid of Winans' vote, was reported in the Senate this morning. It will pass that body, but the probability is that the Legislature will adjourn before the election is held. Tammany wants to provide for emergencies, and in the event of an extra session being called or the expulsion or resignation of another Democratic member, it will be handy to have a successor to Irving in the vacant seat.

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Model Democratic Legislation—The Tax Levy Bill Forced to the Third Reading Without Being Other Read—Discovery of the Absolute Rule—Scene of the Resistance Looking Out.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 17.—As everybody expected, the Ring swindles were brought forward in the Assembly this morning by a resolution offered by Mr. Ferar, that the House go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the Tax Levy, the bill amending the City Charter, and the Registry Repeal bill. Mr. Alvord objected, as did several others, on the ground that the Tax Levy had not been printed, and no opportunity had been offered to examine the amendments made since its passage through the Senate. Other Republicans took the ground that the majority were bound to put these bills through anyhow, and if they did not get a two-thirds vote to go into Committee to-night, they would change the rules to-morrow and effect their object. Therefore, they might as well meet them now as to wait another day. This now prevailed, and two-thirds and over voted to go into Committee on the first two bills. The Registry bill having failed to get the necessary vote, the Speaker called Smith Ward to the chair, although the universal opinion was that Orange S. Winans was entitled to that honor. The Tax Levy was taken up first, and after one section had been read Mr. Ferar moved that the Committee rise and report progress on the bill. This was carried by a party vote. The amended charter was then taken up, and by the same party vote, progress was reported on that without a single word of the bill having been read except the title. The Committee then rose, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Ferar, after making his report, moved that it be disagreed from, and the bills be ordered to a third reading. This was also carried by a party vote, and the bills are now ready for third reading and final passage to-morrow. Not a single member of the House knows the provisions of the Tax Levy which the majority thus ordered to a third reading, cutting off all debate by the previous question, in each motion made by Ferar. Such a high-handed and disgraceful proceeding was probably never before perpetrated by a legislative body that pretended to pay any regard to their oaths. No reporter for the Press was allowed to look at the Tax Levy to ascertain the character of the amendments that have been made, and applications made to Ferar, to the Clerk of the House, the Speaker, and others, failed to elicit any information on the subject. Smith Ward, who, it seems, was allowed the privilege of reading the bill, is the only person who would tell any of its contents. He says that one amendment limits the amount to be raised to $25,000,000. The two per cent. clause is retained with the proviso that if the City's portion of the State tax this year should exceed that of last year, then the two per cent. ratio may be increased sufficient to cover such excess. In no case, however, is the total amount to exceed $35,000,000. This, it will be borne in mind, is an increase of three millions over what Sands, Peter Cooper, and the other Ring agents have represented was to be the amount raised under the Two per Cent. bill. These are leading points in the amendments to the Senate bill, so far as Mr. Ward can recollect. The amended Charter bill stands the same as it passed the Senate.

THE REGISTRY BILL.

After these two bills had been ordered to a third reading, Mr. Ward gave notice of a motion, which he is to make to-morrow, to change three or four of the standing rules of the House, so as to enable the majority to take the Registry bill out of its order and rush it through to the same manner as they did the Tax Levy. Everybody expresses surprise that Smith Ward, of all the members of the House, should be selected to do this vile work of the Tammany Ring. It was hoped he would avail himself of the position which accident or good luck had placed him in, to take a stand on behalf of the rural Democracy, which has so long played the part of vassals to the Tammany Hall, but he has proved unequal to the emergency and has apparently justified the foul slanders uttered against him by the Tammany henchman, when he asserted his independence a few days ago. It will be recollected that Speaker Hitchman told him plainly at that time that his opposition to the Tammany measure arose from the fact that he couldn't get his finger in the swindles. If this was so, the only inference to be drawn from the present change in his demeanor is that his finger is now in. Mr. Littlejohn protested against this proposed change in the standing rules of the House, in order to enable the majority to rush these infamous bills through, but it did no good, and to-morrow Ward's motion will be put and carried. All the bills, including the repeal of the Registry law, will then be passed to go to the Governor for his signature.

A TEST OF THE GOVERNOR'S HONESTY.

There are two good reasons why Gov. Hoffman, if he were an honest or even a consistent man, could never sanction the Tax Levy bill. The first is that it was notoriously passed by bribery in both Houses; and the second is that it was rushed through without half a dozen members knowing its contents, and it was delayed till the last week of the session in defiance of the strong protest made by the Governor at the beginning of the session in his annual Message. No one expects, however, that these considerations will induce the Governor to withhold his signature to this or any other bill the Ring may pass. Consistency is not one of Hoffman's crown jewels, and honesty is a word not known in the vocabulary of the Ring to which the Governor belongs.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.... ALBANY, N. Y., April 17.

Mr. Genet introduced a bill to amend the Election laws, so as to cover cases of vacancy in the Legislature, by providing for elections at any time; but in the event of an extra session of the Legislature having been called, the election must take place not less than ten days before such session. The bill was referred, and reported to the Senate.

Mr. Genet also introduced a bill to amend the act to prevent injury and loss of life to railroad passengers, by providing that conductors need not wear any uniform other than a regulation cap and badge prescribed by the company.

The bill providing for separate boxes for members of Congress and the Legislature, at elections, was reported.

BILLS PASSED.

Providing for the confinement and care of female convicts; relative to the Penitentiary in the City of Brooklyn; amending the charter of the New-York Railway Company to authorize the Geneva and Water streets Railroad Company to extend their tracks; to authorize the formation of associations to carry on the business of marketing in New-York; authorizing the Governor to appoint trustees for the inebriate asylums; relative to Goat Island Bridge at Niagara; to regulate the storage of petroleum in Middletown; to alter the Commissioners' map of Brooklyn; for recording net cess of pendency of actions in Richmond County; to incorporate the Breslau Central Union Building Association of New-York; to fix the terms of office of the Keeper of the morgue and jail in King's County; to incorporate the Tradesy Storage and Deposit Company; to relieve juvenile delinquents from certain disqualifications; to incorporate the Musical Telegraph Company.

NEW-YORK GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Ferar moved that the House go into Committee of the Whole on the following bills: Providing for a local Government for the City of New-York; to provide for the reorganization of the local Governments of the City of New-York; to amend the act providing for elections in New-York. The question was divided, and first taken on the first two bills, and carried by 96 to 17. The Election bill was lost by 65 to 50, not two-thirds.

The House then went into Committee on the bill to make provision for a local government of New-York, being the Two per Cent. Tax bill. As amended by the House Committee, the assessment is to be made on a valuation including State tax not to exceed $25,000,000.

This bill was ordered to a third reading by 81 to 33—all the Republicans in the negative except Winans.

The bill to amend the act to reorganize the local Government of the City and County of New-York was then taken up. This bill was ordered to a third reading by 84 to 51 votes.

Mr. Ward gave notice of his intention to move amendments to the rules, so that business could be done on majority votes.

Mr. Littlejohn warned the House against letting down the bars in this wholesale manner. He suggested to the gentleman to make his motion apply to these political measures, which is the desire of the majority to pass, and not to open the rules to all the business before the House. He asked this in behalf of the four million people of the State.

Mr. Ward replied that he merely gave the notice now. When the resolution came up the question could be acted upon.

Some further debate ensued, and the matter was dropped.

Mr. Littlejohn called attention to this bill, which he said was in violation of private rights. This bridge, he said, belonged to a private individual, who owned the island, and yet this bill provided for taking the bridge away from him. He would not vote for any such bill. This bill was ordered to a third reading by 84 to 56. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The Assembly adjourned.

THE VIADUCT JOB

Another Swindle of the Ring Exposed—The City Needlessly Saddled with Millions More of Taxation.

The following report has been made by Dexter A. Hawkins, Esq., to the New-York Council of Political Reform, April 17:

As the opening of the session of the Legislature, a carefully-prepared bill for a viaduct railroad, securing quick transit from one end of the City to the other, was presented, and the only thing asked by the corporators, whose names were such as command the confidence of the whole financial community, was the usual power to take the right of way for their road, on making a reasonable compensation to the owners. All the capital required to build the road was to be furnished, and could have been readily obtained from private sources. This bill, if passed, would have given the public, in the shortest practicable time, and with no expense to the City, and with the least inconvenience to the public, a speedy, quick transit. But this did not suit the Ring, and they immediately altered it, putting the whole control of the matter practically into the hands of Sweeny, Tweed, Connolly, Hugh Smith, Manton Marble, James H. Coleman, Terrence Farley, Henry Smith, G. H. Van Nort, Wm. Laidlaw, E. Shandley, James M. Sweeny, and others of that stamp. A few good names are intermingled with these merely as a blind. It was evident that capitalists will never intrust their money to such men any more than they would to the Erie Ring. The bill then would be a dead letter unless means could be devised to get money from the City or property-holders of the City against their will, to build the road. That then became the problem for the Ring to solve. The first move in its solution was to *authorize* and *direct*, that is compel the City to take $5,000,000 of stock. Such a clause was incorporated into the bill. Thus would immediately give $5,000,000 for the Ring to work with. Another clause was put into the bill that authorized this clique to build other lines of railways in any part of the City or from the City into any other county, either on the level of the streets or in any other way; and to make each such railway, practically, in the stock, administration, and accounts a separate corporation, though all under the control of this Ring. In other words this bill enables this Ring to put a railroad in every street of this City if they so choose. But this is only one-third of the grand scheme of taxation and assessment. Two other laws, to wit, section 30 of the new City charter, passed last year, and Senate bill No. 416, introduced March 30 last by Mr. Tweed himself, completes the scheme. By section 30 of the City charter the Board of Street Openings, consisting of Hall, Connolly, Tweed and the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, have the power to lay out, open, widen, straighten, extend, alter, and close all streets and parts of streets and avenues below Fourteenth-street. This Board, under that section, are to make a street for this Viaduct Railroad from Chambers-street, between Broadway and Chatham, to Bleecker-street, and assess the whole expense upon the property they may deem benefited thereby. Thus will give another Broadway widening job of ten or fifteen millions of dollars. But Canal-street lies about thirty feet below the level of Chambers-street at the City Hall, and it would be somewhat expensive for the viaduct corporation to build their arches, as they approach Chambers-street, high enough to avoid too steep a grade in their viaduct railway. To overcome this difficulty, and saddle the whole expense upon somebody else's property, was the next problem to be solved. The Ring accomplished this by said Senate bill No. 416. This bill gives to Tweed alone absolute power to change the present grades and establish new grades for any or all the streets embraced within the area bounded by Chambers, Bleecker and Chatham streets, Broadway and the Bowery, the whole expense to be assessed by the Board of Assessors upon the property intended to be benefited thereby, which assessments immediately become a first lien upon such private property. Under this little bill of a single section Tweed may expend $50,000,000, and put the whole of it as a short first mortgage on such property as his Board of Assessors may deem to be benefited by this so-called improvement. He may regulate the grade of the new street to be opened by the Board of Street Openings for the Viaduct Railroad to a dead level from Chambers-street to Bleecker, and then reach the grades of all the crossing streets up to this. Then the Ring will have, at the expense of the property-owners in this locality, a wide and level road-bed from Chambers to Bleecker for their Viaduct Railway, on which to commence operations with their $5,000,000 from the City Treasury. That $5,000,000 will only be the precursor of many other five millions to be called for from time to time by the Board of Supervisors of the City in finishing the road in order to reap some benefit from the $5,000,000 which shall have been already put into it. This viaduct road is, very fitly, to start from the new Court-house; in other words it will be an extension of the Court-house job from Chambers-street to Harlem. The whole benefit to the public of a viaduct road might have been had without a cent of expense to the City, had the Ring not thought it time to bring into the list of corporators, and even now other citizens are at Albany asking for permission to build west of Broadway, through the new streets now opening there, an elevated steam road, without a cent of expense to the City or public. A bill so favorable to the public as that, of course cannot pass.

WINANS' CRIME.

A Presbyterian Minister's Opinion of a Man Who Would Sell His Honor.

Rev. Mr. Street, pastor of the North Presbyterian Church, in this City, in his sermon last Sunday evening on "The Character of Samuel," in quoting the prophet's words—"Have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes,"—said:

Blessed is the nation that has such a ruler. Blessed the people at whose head stands one with skirts free from corruption. Of all the evils a people have to dread, dishonor in official persons is the greatest. The virus of their evil permeates the whole social fabric. Would to God we, the citizens of this great Metropolis, could receive from those who are in authority the same assurance, and be able with sincerity to reply, "We are witness to your integrity." Would that our officials could say, "We have defrauded no man; we have not touched the public purse for private uses; we have never dishonored our trust; we have not grown rich by official perquisites or unlawful treasures; we have devised no schemes for your oppression; we have built no mansions, we have planted no vineyards, we have gathered no luxuries for ourselves—Heaven bear us witness this day." Would that our members of Legislatures, our Governors, our Congressmen, and above all, our Judges, who ought to be the purest among the purest, would to God they could say with Samuel, "Have we received any bribe to blind our eyes?" and the people could answer nay. Shame on a man who is false to a public trust. Shame and contempt on him who accepts a bribe—who sells his honor for money. Let his name be a hissing and a by-word. Let the back of all decency be turned upon him and let he be held up to the scorn of all generations. As we stand of this incorruptible purity of this just Judge of Israel it should rouse all our indignation against the men who flaunt their vices in our faces from the highest official seats; who revel in their ill-gotten gains and boast of their wicked intrigues; who use their power to rob the people, to debauch their City and State, and sell our honor at the moment they fall upon their knees before classes whom they despise in their hearts, and lick their very feet that they may win their suffrage to keep them in power for further corruptions. It is not their own principle they damage; that is impossible. It is the principle of the people. By making vice seemingly the road to prosperity, by tainting honorable sentiment by lowering the standard of morality until the very name is almost lost, this affects the whole community in all its relations. Its poison creeps into the trades and professions, the counting-room and market. It saps the foundations of our youth and sorrows the heart of the aged. It arouses suspicions, breaks confidence, leads to betrayal, and produces immodesties. In the name of our children and youth, in the sacred name of religion and honor, for the sake of social security, we should rise up in strength and demand of officials and judges purity and integrity, or hurl them from their places to the scorn and infamy they deserve. When God curses a people he does not always send rains and hail to destroy their crops. He does not always send pestilence and war to waste their numbers, or earthquakes to swallow up their cities; but corrupt rulers—men who put a price upon their souls as on the head of a slave; and, worse yet, men who are ready to use their power with diabolical cunning to tempt men to sell themselves; Judges who can be bribed—Courts where administration of law is a mockery—then a people are brought under awful calamity. It is time for them to fast, and go to their knees, and plead with God for merciful deliverance. Our greatest social danger is not from any foreign invasion, not from the overgrowth of a great ecclesiastical power, not from the emigration which is pouring millions among us every year, but it is from the abandonment of integrity, the open pollution, the want of conscience, the readiness to barter honor, the intense hungering after dishonest wealth and power, which, embodied, has mounted up to high places and flings out its flag from Court-room and Capitol, and sounds its brazen notes for all the people to come bow down and worship it! Here is the greatest danger that threatens our liberties, and to avoid this we must watch and pray and work—first pure then peaceable. We can't have peace without purity.

Bribery in Elections.

Gov. Randolph, of New-Jersey, in his late annual message, and by a special message to the Legislature of that State, called attention to the alarming increase of bribery in elections, especially by the great railroad corporations—the Camden and Amboy, Central, and the Erie, which controlled the elections in the sections of the State through which they ran, and by the choice of men favorable to their various interests, were enabled to influence such acts as they deemed necessary for themselves. A law prepared by the Attorney-General of the State has just been enacted, which provides stringent penalties against bribery. It provides that any person convicted of, hereafter, in any way, directly or indirectly, offering, promising, procuring, conferring, accepting, receiving or taking any money or property, thing in action, victuals, drink, preferment, or other consideration by way of fee, reward, gift or gratuity, for giving or refusing to give any vote in any election of any public officer, state, county, municipal whatever, or any member of the Congress of the United States, shall, in addition to any punishment now inflicted by the laws of the common law, be deprived of the right of suffrage, and such additional punishment shall be part of the judgment of the Court in which the conviction is had. It also provides that any corporation whose managers, officers or agents shall use the money or property of such corporation, or any other money or property to control any of the unlawful purposes before named, or shall, if the said money or property be allowed by the corporation in account to such managers or agents, or be repaid to them by the corporation, forfeit its charter, and all persons assenting to such appropriation, or failing to record their dissent in writing, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, be deprived of the right of suffrage.

Any bank or other corporation which shall lend money to such corporation or its managers, officers, or agents, or any of them, as before mentioned, for the purposes stated, shall forfeit its charter and pay a penalty to recover such money, however it may be secured. Any officer of any bank or other corporation who shall advance money on property, either out of the corporate funds or from any other source, to such corporation, for the unlawful purposes designated, shall also be deprived of the right of suffrage. Any person convicted under this act who may be non-residents of the State, shall, in addition to the punishments before described, be held incapable of performing any official act within this State for the benefit of the corporation to which it may belong. The party to the act of bribery who may first complain to a Magistrate shall be exempt from all pains and penalties.

With the reputation and well-known character of the New-Jersey Judiciary, it is believed that the law will be faithfully administered and that more usefulness will be found in its practical operations than may be found comfortable by that large mass of men who are grasping political power in that State through corrupting agencies, and a sim lar law might well be enacted in New-York.

CUSTOM-HOUSE AFFAIRS.

The Changes in the Naval and Appraiser's Offices.

Yesterday, at noon, Hon. Addison H. Laflin took formal possession of the Naval Office, vice Hon. Moses H. Grinnell, who thus retired to private life. The ceremonies attending the exchange of official papers were brief. Mr. Laflin presented a communication from the Treasury Department officially announcing the change, and directing that the books and papers be delivered, whereupon Mr. Grinnell addressed Mr. Laflin, warmly commending to him the deputies and clerks in the office, and assuring him that he would find them faithful, competent and zealous in the performance of their duties. Mr. Laflin replied briefly, and then proceeded to induct into office the deputies who had served under Mr. Grinnell—Col. James Bent, Judge Kingsley and Major Haggerty. Prior to this ceremony the clerks in the office assembled to take an official leave of Mr. Grinnell. Mr. J. J. Carrew made a few remarks, thanking Mr. Grinnell for the kindness and courtesy he had always extended toward them, and particularly for his efforts in effecting a reorganization of the Department, which had conduced so much to their welfare. Mr. Grinnell briefly responded, assuring the gentlemen that he should always have them in remembrance, wherever his lot in life should be cast. About noon, Hon. Wm. A. Darling proceeded to the Public Store, to take formal possession of his office as Appraiser. He there found Gen. George W. Palmer, who, after introducing the Assistant Appraisers, ten in number, retired. Mr. Darling then addressed his subordinates, charging them to be strict and faithful in the performance of their duties, and place no impediment in the way of merchants and others who had business with the Department. He made no pledges as to tenure of office, and after reappointing the assistants, designated Assistant Appraiser A. Banoch as Chief Deputy. Mr. Darling commenced his business career in this City as a wholesale grocer, after which he was engaged in the dry-goods trade. After fourteen years in mercantile business he was sent to Congress as a Representative, and on his return accepted the Presidency of the Third Avenue Railroad, which he held until recently. Collector of Internal Revenue. It is probable that some changes will be made in his Department, but now soon it is impossible to say.

MUCH ADO ABOUT A MUFF.

The Trial of Lizzie Hall—Irreconcilable Evidence as to the Ownership of an $18 Muff—Acquittal of the Accused.

The Court of General Sessions was crowded to excess yesterday by spectators desirous of witnessing the trial of Lizzie Hall, indicted for stealing, as alleged, a muff belonging to Mrs. Mary Lane. The proceedings were watched with absorbing interest, but the peculiarity of the case from other petty offenses was not very clear. The attention given to it was only accounted for by the fact that reports were circulated that the influence of a Ring politician had been exerted to save the accused from trial and punishment. Recorder Hackett presided, Justice Dowling occupying a seat beside him. Justice Fowlers was also present. Mrs. Lane, the complainant, testified that she rented apartments from the accused at No. 11 Seventh-street, last Summer. At the latter end of June, 1870, the accused told her that she wanted the rooms; the day witness took her departure Lizzie Hall used abusive language toward her, and slapped her in the face, compelling her to call on the police for protection; when her things were removed the muff was missed. The next time she saw the muff was in Lizzie Hall's hands in the street in December last. Witness recognized it by two dark stripes. It was worth $18. She called Policeman Barry, and had the accused arrested. The witness was shown the muff taken from the prisoner, which she identified as her own. On cross-examination, Mrs. Lane was unable to tell the exact time when she had the muff in her possession, but she said the box in which it was placed was in her room on the day of her removal.

For the defense, John H. Gozzel, Mrs. Reilly, George Bailey and John Hampsen were produced to show that Lizzie Hall was a person of good character. Bailey, who is a brother-in-law of the accused, testified that his wife had a muff like the one exhibited in Court. Mrs. Elizabeth Farrell, mother of the accused, swore that Mrs. Bailey gave her the muff, and that she subsequently gave it to Lizzie Hall, her daughter. Walter Farrell testified that his sister, Mrs. Bailey, gave him the muff to give to his mother. Mr. Amos J. Cummings was called and answered in the negative the question whether he or his wife were acquainted with Mrs. Lane. In summing up, the counsel for the prisoner repudiated the assertion that he was a "shyster." The Recorder charged briefly, and the jury then brought in a verdict of not guilty without leaving their seats. The acquitted woman fainted and was carried from the Court-room.

BASE-BALL.

The Old Eckfords in the Field—They Open the Season with a Noteworthy Triumph.

Yesterday afternoon was both windy, chilly, and dusty, and anything but a day to go and see ball-playing or even to play ball, but a match had been arranged to take place on the Union Ball Grounds, Brooklyn, and as the public were curious to see the new nine of the old Eckford Club take the field, quite a numerous assemblage of their friends were gathered on the field, and not one regretted being present, for the contest turned out to be quite an interesting and attractive display of the beauties of the game.

The Tony Pastor Club, who were the opponents of the Eckfords on the occasion, are composed of some of the performers and attachés of Pastor's Varieties Theatre, and they can muster quite a strong team of amateur ball-tossers, the only weak spot in their nine being their pitcher, who has command of the ball. The Eckfords presented a very professional line, attired in their new uniform of white flannel caps, shirts and knee-breeches, with yellow stockings, and in their new dress they presented quite an attractive appearance, especially in contrast to the dress of their adversaries, who were attired in black stockings, white breeches and blue shirts.

It was not expected that the "Tonys" would defeat their more experienced adversaries, but the Bowery players had no idea of being the recipients of such a white-washing process as they were obliged to submit to. Certainly, they strove hard to escape a Chicago whipping, and by a lucky stroke of fortune managed in their last innings to obtain two runs by absolute "scratches." The Eckfords had no especially easy task to score runs, and had all the chances of the "black stocking" fielding been attended to, the Eckford score would have been limited to 14 runs; but being assisted by some wild throwing and other fielding errors they were enabled to obtain a score of 38 runs in seven innings, an average of over five to an inning. Of the play on the occasion, in batting Holdsworth and Andrew Allison excelled on the Eckford side, the former hitting some splendid grounders, and the latter several safe balls to left field. On the other side, Fleet took the lead in batting. In fielding some very fine play was shown by Hicks, Swandell and Holdsworth in their positions, and a fine throw by Snyder was quite a feature. On the other side Murphy, Fleet, Evers and Rogers excelled in fielding. The umpire satisfactorily discharged the duties of his position, but he needs to study up the new rules in calling balls. The game was played in a very friendly spirit, and take it altogether it was a most creditable contest to both clubs. We append the full score of the match:

TONY PASTOR.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	ECKFORD.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.
Lynch, p.....	0	1	0	0	A. Allison, 1st b	5	6	7	0
Ramon, c.....	0	0	6	0	Martin, p.....	4	1	1	2
Murphy, s. s..	0	1	0	0	Nelson, 2d b..	3	2	2	0
Redmond, 2d b	1	1	2	2	Gedney, l. f...	5	4	2	0
Wild, l. f.....	0	0	1	0	Swandell, 3d b	4	3	1	1
Fleet, 3d b....	1	2	4	2	Hicks, c.....	6	2	2	5
Evers, 1st b...	0	0	7	0	J. Snyder, c. f.	3	1	1	1
Kenna, r. f....	0	0	0	0	Holdsw'th, s. s.	4	4	2	3
Rogers, c. f...	0	1	4	0	W. Allison, r. f.	4	1	0	0
Total.....	2	6	27	11	Total.....	38	25	27	11

RUNS SCORED EACH INNING.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	
Tony Pastor.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2—	2
Eckford.....	4	3	4	6	6	5	1	9	7—	38

Umpire—Mr. Higham, of the Mutual Club. Time of Game—One hour, fifty minutes. Double play by Murphy, Fleet and Evers.

On Saturday, the Mohican Base-ball Club, of New-York, played the nine of the Class '74, of Columbia College, and, in an exciting game of ten innings, came off victorious, by a score of 24 to 23. This was the first game of the Columbias, and they acquitted themselves very creditably.

Winding up the Affairs of the Commonwealth Insurance Company.

The business of winding up the affairs of the Commonwealth Insurance Company progresses slowly. No arrangements have as yet been made for reinsuring the policies of the Company, but it is probable that some Company in this City will take the risks. An investigation is now in progress, conducted by a committee of the stock-holders, to ascertain if there has been any mismanagement, as alleged, and this Committee will be prepared to report in a few days. Meanwhile the charges made against the President are being answered by affidavit and a detailed statement.

Arrival of Soldiers of the French Army—How They Look and What They Have Undergone.

The steam-ship *Virginia*, of the National line, from Liverpool, arrived in this City yesterday, having on board 113 soldiers who passed through the whole of the late Franco-Prussian war. They were of various nationalities—French, Irish, Polish, Russians, Italians and Austrians—and the majority of them are American citizens. They all served under Gambetta in the Vosges, either as Franco-Tireurs or as members of the Star Legion, and many of them bore unmistakable evidence of the terrible ordeal which they had undergone. From necessity or choice, they retained the uniform of the French service, and cherished their arms as mementoes of the struggle. One Franc-Tireur, fully six feet and a half in height, proudly displayed on the point of his Chassepot a ragged French flag which he had steadily borne through the whole service. There was no attempt whatever made to give them a reception by the French residents of the City, but a considerable crowd awaited their arrival, and cheered them heartily as they passed. Their story of the campaign is only a repetition of what is already well known, and its publication would be of little interest to the general public. While in active service their pay was from twenty to thirty sous a day, out of which they had to board themselves. The cost of bread was 25 sous a pound, while a bottle of good wine could be purchased for six sous. Their expenses to this country were defrayed by the French Government. After the exchange of cordial words of friendship and farewell, the band separated at Castle Garden, some locating themselves in the emigrant boarding-houses in Greenwich-street, while many others started for Baltimore and the Western States.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

Eighteen policemen were arraigned yesterday before the Commissioners for various dereliections of duty. The most important case was that of Patrolman Mannix, of the Twenty-first Precinct, who was charged with being intoxicated while on post. The witnesses all agreed that Mannix was exalted, and the case was referred to the Board.

The aurora borealis, or northern lights, have been very vivid the last two nights. Last night the heavens were literally lit up, at times the bright light seemingly dimming the brightest star. The display of light from the north-west seemed stronger than even from the northern point. The light was of no ordinary duration. It lasted for ten minutes or more during intervals of the evening. The appearance of the changes from darkness to light, and then from seeming twilight to darkness again, were truly magnificent and dazzled the eye of the spectator. It is unusual to see this remarkable phenomenon at this season of the year.

A large and enthusiastic temperance mass-meeting was held last evening in the Grand-street M. E. Church, under the auspices of the Grand Section of the Cadets of Temperance of the State of New-York. There were present Ashland Section No. 11, Lawrence No. 9, Mercantile No. 10, New-York No. 2, Chelsea No. 12, Marion No. 34, Mariners' No. 30, and Washington Section No. 3, from New-Jersey, all in full regalia. Addresses were delivered by H. Downs, Past Grand Patron, S. Bennett, G. W. Bungay, and Col. E. Z. C. Judson, (Ned Buntline.) Popular selections from the poets were read by Miss Carrie Collins, who was frequently applauded.

The Zion Episcopal Church Fair at Lyric Hall, No. 723 Sixth-avenue, opposite Reservoir Park, commences on Wednesday, April 19, and continues all the week, afternoons and evenings.

The French papers of this City are discussing several plans and projects of directing and systematizing French emigration to this country, and it appears that several companies are in the course of organization for that purpose. It is expected that in consequence of the disordered condition of affairs in France, the result of the invasion and the civil war now raging, French emigration will assume considerable proportions.

Yesterday morning an English circus and menagerie of trained animals, just arrived here, paraded some of the principal streets of the City. The procession was a gorgeous one, consisting of heralds in uniform, followed by the car of Euterpe, containing the band; next followed the chariot of commerce, drawn by a giant team of horses. In the rear of this chariot are carved statues illustrating Britannia and the "Genius of Columbia;" from the centre rising to a towering height is a globe, on which sits a living representative of Britannia. Then followed chariots drawn by spotted donkeys, zebras and ponies, the rear being brought up by twenty armed knights. The wagons containing trained animals next followed. Last in the procession was the car of Juggernaut, upon the top of which was represented a life-sized idol elephant, upon the back of which was a Hoodah. This car is ornamented with classic allegories, gladiatorial combats, and photographs of various Eastern monarchs.

Judge Brady still reserves his decision on the habeas corpus in the case of those women who were recently gathered in from the basements of Greenwich-street as disorderly characters. This, however, works but little inconvenience to the parties interested, as already they have all been liberated on bail.

Last evening was made the occasion of an exhibition of the Sabbath-school attached to the M. E. Zion Church, (colored,) corner West-Tenth and Bleecker streets. The exercises commenced with a prayer by Rev. Wm. F. Butler, after which a well-selected programme of vocal and instrumental music was carried out very successfully by the teachers and scholars of the school. The church was handsomely decorated, and the building was crowded. A Church Fair is being held in the basement.

In the case of Wyckoff against Martin, to recover damages for false imprisonment, tried in the Marine Court and reported in the Times, the jury, after being locked up almost a day and a night, failed to agree, and were discharged.

The third annual report of the New-York Orthopedic Dispensary has just been issued. The institution is doing a good work, is flourishing, and has a balance of $4,111 80 in the treasury.

BROOKLYN.

Three of the Inspectors attached to the Health Board were employed during the greater part of yesterday afternoon in examining the condition of the huts and shanties at the foot of Court-street, whence the small-pox scourge is supposed to have emanated. A thorough cleansing out is likely to be the result.

Edgar Smith obtained a verdict for $1,123 against James Douglass, in the City Court, yesterday, for goods purchased by Douglass when he was a partner in the firm of Douglass & Barclay.

At the Caledonian House, South Brooklyn, yesterday, a foot-race of 100 yards was run by two of the Robertson family, (no relation, however,) named L. D. and J. The former, although the elder man, and not in good condition, was the winner, after a close brush, in 11¾ minutes. John Goldie was the referee, and the stakes were $50.

Nathan Beach, arrested on Tuesday last for failing to make proper returns to the Revenue Department of tobacco sales, was yesterday held in $2,500 bail by United States Commissioner Jones, for trial.

In the Special Term of the Supreme Court, yesterday, Judge Tappan appointed Dennis Strong, Alfred A. Philips, and Wm. A. Cost a commission to estimate the amount to be paid by the Second street and Middle Village Railroad Company to the Grand-street and Newtown Railroad Company for use of a portion of their track in North Second-street to the county line.

The proprietors of the Williamsburgh Ferries declared themselves willing to reduce the fare on the Ferries to one cent, if the City guarantees them $190,000 profit per annum. The liberality of this offer may be estimated when it is remembered these ferries have not realized that amount any year since they were established. The nominal capital involved is $1,000,000.

NEW-JERSEY.

This evening Hon. Stewart L. Woodford will lecture before the Ladies' Free Library Association at the Hudson County Court-house, Jersey City Heights, on "Phil. Sheridan." The fame of the lecturer and the subject should fill the house, as it doubtless will. The object—that of enabling the ladies to supply a free library—is one which commends itself to all.

Three thousand dollars have been subscribed by the members of St. James' Roman Catholic Church, Newark, toward the new cemetery of that parish.

During last week sixty-one deaths were reported in Newark, one of them being from small-pox, with six new cases yesterday.

On Saturday morning a gang of burglars entered the works of the Foundry Company at Ramapo, and after gagging the watchman, blew open the safe and stole $1,000. The Company offers a reward of $500 for the arrest of the burglars.

The lease of the Morris Canal to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has been completed. This Railroad Company has heretofore been under an agreement with the Central New-Jersey Railroad. The latter road has now, however, leased the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railway, and the former will be immediately in a position to forward large quantities of coal.

The will of the late Theo. Coe, of Newark, has been admitted to probate. The value of the estate is $165,000.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Of the large line of real estate offered by MULLER, WILKINS & CO., at the Exchange, yesterday (April 17), only eight lots were disposed of, as follows: Three full lots on the north side of One Hundred and Twenty-second-street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, J. BOCKMAN, purchaser, at $2,650 each; three full lots on the south side of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, L. J. PERLITZ, purchaser, at $2,200 each, and two small lots on the north side of One Hundred and Sixteenth-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, sold to MAX WEIL at $2,625 each. The sale was one in partition to settle certain interests, the various pieces of property being owned by two or more parties, and the auction was held so, if possible, determine values. The result was not quite satisfactory as could be wished for, as stated, but in general all portion of the realty was fairly sold. All the remaining property embraced in the sale was reasonably disposed of, but as it was purchased either by or for the owners, a report is unnecessary, particularly as the location of each piece was given in detail yesterday. A combination sale of this description is seldom attended with full success, for the diversity of interests and conflicting opinions as to values, as is hardly fail to exert an injurious influence, while the real estate public being at all times informed as to the ownership of the property offered, and understanding the efforts made to have it bring good figures, best taste to bid with the freedom that they otherwise would, as in case where it was fully understood that to get the highest bidders would carry off the prize. On another account Messrs. MULLER & Co. sold one lot on the north side of Fifty-seventh-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, to BOCKMAN, purchaser, at $2,650 each; three full lots on the south side of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, L. J. PERLITZ, purchaser, at $2,200 each, and two small lots on the north side of One Hundred and Sixteenth-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, sold to MAX WEIL at $2,625 each. The sale was one in partition to settle certain interests, the various pieces of property being owned by two or more parties, and the auction was held so, if possible, determine values. The result was not quite satisfactory as could be wished for, as stated, but in general all portion of the realty was fairly sold. All the remaining property embraced in the sale was reasonably disposed of, but as it was purchased either by or for the owners, a report is unnecessary, particularly as the location of each piece was given in detail yesterday. A combination sale of this description is seldom attended with full success, for the diversity of interests and conflicting opinions as to values, as is hardly fail to exert an injurious influence, while the real estate public being at all times informed as to the ownership of the property offered, and understanding the efforts made to have it bring good figures, best taste to bid with the freedom that they otherwise would, as in case where it was fully understood that to get the highest bidders would carry off the prize. On another account Messrs. MULLER & Co. sold one lot on the north side of Fifty-seventh

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HENDERSON BROTHERS, No. 7 Bowling-green.

CUNARD LINE.
THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT COBH HARBOR.

Cuba, Wednesday, April 19 | Africa, Thursday, Apr. 20
China, Wednesday, April 26 | Batavia, Saturday, April 29
Scotia, Wednesday, May 3 | Algeria, Saturday, May 6
Java, Wednesday, May 10 | Abyssinia, Sat., May 13
Russia, Wednesday, May 17 | China, Saturday, May 20

RATES OF PASSAGE.
By the Wednesday steamers, (not carrying Steerage)
First Cabin, $100, gold. Second Cabin, $60, gold.
Return Tickets.....$175, gold.
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First Cabin, $80, gold. Steerage, $30, currency.
Return Tickets.....$140, gold.
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CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

PASSENGERS PER STEAM-SHIP CUBA embark from the Cunard Wharf, foot of Grand-st., Jersey City, at 3 P. M. on WEDNESDAY, April 19.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN,
No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

NOTICE.
Shippers and passengers by the Inman Line are hereby respectfully informed that the masters of the Company's vessels are strictly prohibited from receiving the contents of the mail bags, or the bags themselves, from any person or persons not connected with the Post-Office Department, or authorized by the Postmaster-General to deliver the same, and that the Company will not be responsible for any loss of letters or packages sent by the steamers of the line, unless this regulation is complied with.
INMAN LINE FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
CITY OF BALTIMORE, (via Halifax,)
.....Tuesday, April 18, 1 P. M.
CITY OF BRUSSELS.....Saturday, April 22, 12 M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, April 29, 12 P. M.
CITY OF DUBLIN, (via Halifax,)
.....Tuesday, May 2, 1 P. M.
And each succeeding SATURDAY and Alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
PAYABLE IN GOLD. | PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin.....$80 | Steerage.....$30
To London.....85 | To London.....35
To Paris.....95 | To Paris.....40
Tickets can also be had at reduced rates to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.
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For further information, apply at the Company's Office.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent.
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

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(VIA QUEENSTOWN.)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch their first-class full-power iron screw steam-ships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY

as follows:
NEBRASKA, Capt. GUARD.....April 19.
WYOMING, Capt. WHITEHAT.....April 26, at 2 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. W. FREEMAN.....April 26, at 10 A. M.
IDAHO, Capt. PRICE.....May 3, at 2½ P. M.
PENNSYLVANIA, Capt. [illegible].....May 3, at 2 P. M.
NEVADA, Capt. GERE.....May 10, at 10 A. M.

Cabin passage, $80, $100.
Steerage passage, $30.
Certificates, at REDUCED RATES, can be bought here by those wishing to send for their friends.
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NATIONAL LINE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.
From Pier No. 47 North River
VIRGINIA, Saturday, April 22, at 8 A. M.
ITALY, Saturday, April 29, at 8 A. M.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $70 and upwards, according to accommodation; Steerage, $30 currency. Passage tickets from Liverpool, Queenstown or London, $80 currency.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 29 Broadway.
J. W. J. HURST, Manager.

CUNARD LINE.
FROM BOSTON FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT.
Sidonia, Saturday, April 8 | Alpes, Thursday, April 27
Tarifa, Thursday, April 20 | Palmyra, Thursday, May 4
Cuba, Thursday, May 11 (gold; return tickets, $190, in gold; steerage, $30, currency.
For freight or passage apply to
H. & A. DANIEL, 20 & 22 State-st., Boston.
C. G. FRANCKLYN, No. 4 Bowling-green, N. Y.

LONDON AND NEW-YORK STEAMSHIP LINE.
FOR LONDON DIRECT, from Pier 3, North River,
SATURDAY, April 22, at 3 A. M.
Rates of passage, $80 and $100, gold.
First Cabin, $75; Second, $50; Steerage, $30.
Apply to ROWLAND & ASPINWALL,
Agents, Nos. 54 and 55 South-st.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY'S LINE TO
CALIFORNIA, JAPAN AND CHINA,
VIA PANAMA.
CARRYING MAILS, PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT TO
KINGSTON, JAMAICA, AND PACIFIC COAST OF MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, PERU, CHILE AND CALLAO.

Steamers leave 16th and 30th each month, except when these dates fall on Sunday, then the day after.

April 30, steamer KISKO STAR, Capt. R. P. Corbett, will leave Pier No. 42 North River, at 12 o'clock noon, for Aspinwall direct, and connecting at Panama with steamer COLORADO, Capt. FARNSWORTH, touching at Manzanillo and San Diego, Cal., and also connecting for all Central American and South Pacific ports. Freight for last-named ports received until 4 P. M. of 27th April.

Steamer AMERICA will leave San Francisco, May 1, for Japan and China. For rates of passage, freight and all further information, apply at Company's office on the pier, foot of Canal-st.

E. H. RAEY, Agent.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY
sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 6 North River:
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICK (via Nassau).....April 20
MISSOURI, Capt. [illegible].....April 27
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. [illegible].....May 4
For freight or passage apply to
A. W. DIMOCK, President.
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
Alhambra.....Tuesday, April 18, 3 P. M.
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICK, with mail, April 20, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 6 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
A. W. DIMOCK, President.
No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.—New-York and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line, leaving PIER 47 NORTH RIVER, as per P. M. dates:
CITY OF MERIDA.....Saturday, April 15
CLEOPATRA, Pinkney (Havana only).....Tuesday, April 18
CITY OF MEXICO, Timmerman.....Monday, May 1
CLEOPATRA, Pinkney (Havana only).....Tuesday, May 2
For freight or passage apply to
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CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.
FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK.
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
THE STEAM-SHIPS
LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, April 18, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
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GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MALONY, THURSDAY, April 20, from Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 56 Liberty-st.

SAN JACINTO, Capt. ATKINS, SATURDAY, April 22, from Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
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HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, SATURDAY, April 22, from Pier No. 12 North River, at 3 P. M.
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UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 2d and 17th of each month.
MERRIMACK, Capt. WISE.....April 22
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. THELEMAQUE, May 2
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. G. B. SLOCUM.....June 2
Will call at Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
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No. 14 Nassau-st., N. Y.,
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MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

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PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD.
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INSURANCE STOCKS AND SCRIPS WANTED BY E. S. BAILEY, No. 6 Wall-st.

ASTOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 104 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, April 12, 1871.
AT AN ELECTION HELD on 12th inst., the following named gentlemen were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz.:
PETER D. VOSBURGH, JOHN A. NEWBOULD,
PETER L. COLLINS, HILAH HAFFORD,
WM. L. CONKLIN, AUGUSTUS SCHELL,
JOS. C. APPLEBY, JONA. THOMPSON,
WM. ANDREWS, ROBERT B. WILLETS,
ELISHA H. BROOKS, CHARLES F. TAG,
JOHN E. DUNHAM, JOHN S. GILES,
BENJ. W. MERRIAM, S. F. JOHNSON,
ABRAHAM DUBYEE, WM. MONTROSS,
WILLIAM CLOSE, SAMUEL COULTER,
EDWARD EWEN, HECTOR MORISON,
SAMUEL TEYON, JAMES DICKSON,
WASH. MOSES AN, SAMUEL B. MARRATT,
PHILIP C. HARMON, J. KENNEY LANE,
ALON. B. HAMPTON.
At a subsequent meeting of the Board held THIS DAY, ROBERT B. MINTURN, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President, and PETER D. COLLINS, Esq., Vice-President, for the ensuing year.
JAMES VERREANCE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY,
CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 25, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company for the election of Directors will be held at the office of the Company in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, the 26 day of May next, between the hours of 11 o'clock in the forenoon and 3 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.
The transfer books of the Company will be closed April 3 at 3 o'clock P. M. and opened May 5.
GEO. B. ELY, Secretary.

NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Nos. 261 AND 263 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, April 13, 1871.
ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the stockholders of this Company, for the election of ten trustees for the first class, one trustee to fill a vacancy in the third class, and three inspectors of election for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking-room of the Company, on TUESDAY, the 25th inst.
Poll open from 12 M. until 1 P. M.
JAMES MERRELL, Secretary.

BANK OF AMERICA, April 16, 1871.
THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE Bank of America are hereby notified that the annual election of Directors will be held at the banking-house on MONDAY, the 1st day of May instant. The poll will open at 12 o'clock and close at 2 P. M.
The transfer-books will remain closed from the morning of April 21 until the morning of May 2, 1871.
ROBERT JAFFRAY, Cashier.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW-YORK.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of this Association will be held at the banking-house, corner of Nassau and Cedar sts., on MONDAY, May 8, at 12 o'clock.
H. F. VAIL, Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

FIRST MORTGAGE
GOLD BONDS,
OF
TWO RAILROAD COMPANIES
COMBINED, HAVING A PAID-UP CAPITAL OF
EIGHT MILLIONS,
WITH 250 MILES OF ROAD IN OPERATION, CONNECTING
New-York City with the Great Lakes
BY THE
MOST DIRECT ROUTE POSSIBLE.

THE BONDS SECURED BY A FIRST MORTGAGE ON THE FIRST FORTY MILES WEST FROM NEW-YORK CITY AT THE RATE OF $30,000 PER MILE.
$25,000 PER MILE ALREADY EXPENDED ON THAT PORTION OF THE ROAD.
A MAP AND CIRCULAR RELATING TO THE BONDS OF THE
Montclair Railway
OF
NEW-JERSEY,
INDORSED BY THE N. Y. & O. MIDLAND CO., MAY BE HAD BY APPLICATION TO
LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER,
NO. 10 WALL-ST.,
AND THE
MONTCLAIR RAILWAY CO.,
NO. 195 NASSAU-ST.

THE National Trust COMPANY.
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.
Nos. 261 AND 263 BROADWAY, CORNER OF WARREN-ST.
Capital, - - - - - $1,000,000.

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Pays Five Per Cent. Interest Per Annum on Special Deposits Remaining Six Months or Longer.
Empowered to Act as Financial Agent for States, Corporations, and Individuals.
To Act as Agents of Corporations in Issuing Registering, or Countersigning Certificates.
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To Act as Trustees for Married Women, and May Take Charge of and Manage Their Separate Property.
The Company is a Legal Depositary for Moneys Paid into Court.
D. R. MANGAM, President.
JAMES MERRELL, Secretary.

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CORNER OF CEDAR ST.

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INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Governments, Gold, Bonds and other Securities.
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ISSUE LETTERS OF CREDIT TO TRAVELERS, AVAILABLE IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, THROUGH THE
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Payable in GOLD or equivalent.

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NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
Issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

OFFICE OF THE CINCINNATI, HAMILTON AND DAYTON COMPANY,
CINCINNATI, April 17, 1871.
NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Company will be held at their office, corner of 5th and Hoadley sts., in Cincinnati, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of May next, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of Directors to serve the ensuing year, and to act upon any other business that may come before the meeting.
F. H. SHORT, Secretary.

TEN PER CENT. BONDS.
No safer or sounder security in market than ILLINOIS REGISTERED BONDS.
For sale, and descriptions given on application, by
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BLACK HAWK GOLD MINING COMPANY OF NEW-YORK.
NOTICE TO SALE OF TRUSTEES.
Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned, BENJAMIN WHITE and BERIAH WALL, of the City of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, under and by virtue of the power vested in us by the deed of trust executed to us by said Black Hawk Gold Mining Company, bearing date on the twenty-eighth day of May, A. D., 1864, and duly recorded, will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, on the eleventh day of May, 1871, at 12 o'clock at noon, all the estate, lands, quarts lode mining claims, mines, minerals, mining rights and interests, lands and premises, shafts, levels, mills and mill-sites, stores, store houses, dwellings and other buildings and structures, water-wheels, pumps, fixtures and machinery, water-courses, and water-rights and privileges, water-wheels, flumes, ditches, furnaces, engines, steam-powers, tracks, machinery, retorts, tools and fixtures, now or late the property of said Company, or owned or mixed, of said Black Hawk Gold Mining Company, situate in the County of Gilpin, in the Territory of Colorado, and conveyed to us in and by the deed of trust aforesaid, and all the interest and title of said Company thereto.
Reference is hereby made, as a part of this notice, and for a full description of said estate and property, to said deed of trust, which may be examined at the office of W. H. Whittingham, No. 11 Wall-st., New-York City.
Terms of sale will be made known at the time and place of sale.
BENJAMIN WHITE, } Trustees.
BERIAH WALL, }

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD CO.,
No. 12 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, March 1, 1871.
CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND BONDS.
Notice is hereby given, that we have this day designated by lot 28 Bonds, numbered as follows: 597, 598, 149, 39, 77, 600, 648, 252, 322, 420, 606, 404, 626, 97, 84, 202, 603, 592, 211, 218, 614, 159, 419, 674, 203, 294, of $1,000 each for redemption.
According to the terms of the mortgage interest thereon will cease May 1, 1871.
The holders of said Bonds are to pay them with interest, so far as accrued, on presentation and surrender.
S. J. TILDEN, No. 12 Wall-st.
T. H. MEYER, No. 71 Nassau-st.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL CO.,
No. 71 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, April 1, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, for the election of managers, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of New-York, on TUESDAY, May 9, 1871, at 12 o'clock M. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock M. to 2 P. M.
The transfer-books will be closed from the 1st to the 9th day of May, inclusive.
By order of the Board of Managers.
CHARLES F. HART, Treasurer.

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CHOICE
CITY AND COUNTY BONDS,
PAYING FROM
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FREE OF ALL TAXES.
INTEREST COUPONS PROMPTLY PAID SEMI-ANNUALLY IN NEW-YORK.
FIRST-CLASS SECURITIES OF UNDOUBTED CHARACTER, BELOW PAR.
ALSO,
NEW-YORK CITY RAILROAD STOCKS AND BONDS,
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GAS-LIGHT STOCKS,
INCLUDING AN EXTENSIVE VARIETY OF FIRST MORTGAGE RAILROAD 7 AND 8 PER CENT. GOLD BONDS, FOR SAFE AND PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS AT LOW RATES.
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Issue Letters of Credit and receive Deposits. Letters for travelers received and forwarded. Correspondents in New-York:
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NO. 26 WARREN-ST., NEW-YORK.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on all sums. Deposits made on or before April 20 draw interest from April 1. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

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THE FREEDMAN'S SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY.
(Chartered by the Government of the United States.)
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All deposits payable ON DEMAND, with interest due. Call and send for circulars.
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JOHN J. ZUILLE, Cashier.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,
Chatham-square and New-Bowery.
Assets.....$2,341,728 22
Deposits, inc. int.....2,792,979 42
Deposits made now, or on or before April 20, will receive interest as from April 1.

NORTH RIVER SAVINGS BANK,
Corner of 8th-av. and West 24th-st.
MONEY DEPOSITED on or before the 20th of April will draw INTEREST from April 1.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST PAID.
Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.; also, on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock.
JOHN HOOPER, President.
JAMES O. BENNETT, Secretary.

EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK,
No. 205 6th-av., near 22d-st.
Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8 o'clock.
Money deposited on or BEFORE APRIL 20 will draw interest from APRIL 1.
WM. M. GILES, President.
ISAAC S. HARRIOTT, Secretary.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner 32d-av. and 29th-st.
Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8 o'clock. MONEY DEPOSITED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 20 WILL DRAW INTEREST FROM APRIL 1. Six per Cent. Interest paid on all sums from $1 to $5,000.

MUTUAL BENEFIT SAVINGS BANK,
NO. 102 NASSAU-ST., (SUN BUILDING,)
OPPOSITE CITY HALL, NEW-YORK.
INTEREST COMMENCES EVERY MONTH.
On special accounts checks paid at sight, and interest allowed on daily balances. Open daily 10 to 3, and Monday and Saturday evenings 4½ to 8½ o'clock.

WEST-SIDE SAVINGS BANK,
No. 124 6th-av., between 11th and 12th sts.
Open daily from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, from 7 to 8. Money deposited on or before April 20, will draw interest from April 1, at six per cent.
F. A. CONKLING, President.
WM. H. ALLEN, Secretary.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 396 and 398 CANAL-ST., corner of Laight.
SIX PER CENT. interest on $5 to $5,000.
Deposits on or before April 20 will bear interest from April 1. Assets, $3,818,527 08.

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ROCKLAND FEMALE INST

THE STRANGE BEAUTY;

OR,

HAUNTED BY A DWARF!

CHAPTER I.

THE STRANGE BEAUTY.

Night was coming down upon the City of Havana, which I had just left, and I was dashing along the country road on my good horse, Nox. I was well armed with sword and revolvers, and also carried a flask of brandy, which my adopted uncle, Don Miguel, had given me for any emergency which might arise on my perilous journey. And a very perilous journey it was. The country was in a state of insurrection, and I was going, at my uncle's sequest, to the further end of the island, to bring to him his niece, who was then living on a plantation surrounded by the rebels.

I had never seen this young woman for whom I was now taking this dangerous trip. And now, for the first time, as I rode along through the seductive softness of the tropical night, I wondered what the girl, for whom I rode, was like.

"If it could feel the utter devotion I have read about," I thought, "I could give my life gladly; but—"

Nox swerved suddenly aside. Involuntarily I put my hand to my pistols, but 'twas only a night bird, that flew quickly by the horse's head.

Five more miles, and I knew it was time to begin to watch for surprise from some outlying post of the rebels, or perhaps some stray sharpshooter would fire at me from the dark shade of rock or tree.

How strangely fortune favored me in that part of my travels! Once only did a shot come singing toward me, as I rode down the narrow path between two hills. That was on the second day. By nightfall of that day I was entering the borders of a large and badly-neglected coffee plantation. Everything was deserted. It was evident that even the wild marauders thought they had devastated completely here. The house stood dismantled of shutters and piazza; the trees near it—tall china trees—and the heavy foliaged growth of the lawn, had been cut down. The last rays of the sun streamed over the plain as I came in sight of it at a turn in the approach.

"No one can be here," I said to myself. "I have come for nothing. She must have left long ago."

Even as I spoke, in the splendid farewell glow of the Occident, in the rich light that beautified everything, I saw a figure of a woman walk from an arbor a few rods at the right of the house—walk slowly, her head turned from me as she looked at the sunset. Tall she was, and larger than the slender northern women I had seen so much of late years; but lithe her movements were, as those of a leopard, and with more of grace than words of mine can tell.

Involuntarily I caused Nox to stop, and there I sat looking at her. She presently fell in the came within the shade cast by the house. She turned her head toward me, and then I rode on and dismounted a few yards from her. I flung the bridle over the neck of Nox, knowing he would stand, and advanced toward the lady, where I stood leaning against the tall stump of a tree.

"I am come from Don Miguel de Avieles; but I am uncertain whether this can be the place of my destination."

"This is the old Herrera plantation," she said, speaking pure Spanish, while I had spoken the Island Spanish.

"Don Miguel sent you for his niece?" she asked.

"Yes. Will you conduct me to her?"

She smiled and extended her hand.

"I suppose I must be speaking to Armand Verschoyle. I present him to Don Miguel's niece, Beadicea."

I had not hoped for that. My palace bounded me. I thought that this was the girl confided to my care. And I felt, strangely for me, a kind of diffidence. I took the hand, while I replied:

"I don't know why I did not imagine you were the lady. How long have you been in this lonely place?"

"It is nearly three weeks since the family left; I have waited patiently, but I resolved to try my fortune alone to-morrow."

I shuddered as I thought of her alone in the roads infested by so many reckless men.

"Were you with you here?"

"No one."

"Good God!" I exclaimed. "You are not absolutely alone? The servants?"

"They all ran off a week ago, when there was an alarm of an attack."

"And you have been here alone since then?"

"Yes."

She smiled at my alarmed face, and continued:

"I might as well be alone as to be surrounded by a set of servants whom I had to soothe at every unusual sound. I see that one of them has done me a favor. He succeeded in reaching Don Miguel, or you would not be here."

"Yes; I started immediately after we read the note. My only regret is that you have suffered so."

These words sound so commonplace when recorded. I uttered them then, with eyes fixed upon the woman who had become, with a new emotion beating its first throbs in my heart.

My voice had hardly ceased when she suddenly moved nearer me, and put her hand on my arm, whispering:

"Hush! Look at your horse! Something is the matter!"

I followed the glance of her eyes, and saw that Nox, who had a moment before been standing with drooping head, now had neck erected, and was looking about with dilated eyes, while he snuffed the air suspiciously.

The girl drew me into the house. She opened wide the door, and said, as we stood within:

"Lead your horse in here. The stables are burned—if they were not, your horse would probably be stolen there."

She spoke rapidly and in a low tone. I had seen or heard nothing, and I did not believe there was need for alarm. But I did as she bade. Nox stepped gravely and carefully within the door, and I swung it back, and Beadicea locked and bolted it. She motioned me to follow with my horse. As we approached the long, airy drawing-room, I heard a horse neigh lowly. I looked at my companion in surprise; but she did not speak, and, the next minute, we stood in the room, now flooded with the after-glow from the departed sun. In one corner stood a snow-white mare, whose delicate head was extended toward us, as if wondering at the intrusion.

"I could not have endured the loss of my mare," said Beadicea; "and, when I was left alone, I took her into the house with me. It was on her back that I should have attempted alone the journey we shall now try together."

Together! I was foolish enough to be grateful and glad of that careless phrase.

I had opened my lips to reply, when, upon the still warm air, came the sound of a song chanted lustily by as horns of rough voices.

We looked at each other. In that first moment I was conscious of but one feeling—fear of exultation that I had this woman to protect.

"Perhaps they are soldiers," I said.

"Yes; but they are soldiers of the island, and they hate every Spaniard—and with reason."

I looked about the room. The wooden shutters had been torn away—everything had been taken from the piece.

"Is there no room in the house that can be barricaded in any way?" I asked.

"The one above this is most desirable as a place to be defended," she said.

"Let us go," I said hurriedly, for now I could hear the tramp of horses' feet.

I looked at her. There was a slight flush on her face, and an intense, feverish lustre in her eyes, so different from the languid brilliance that I knew might be there.

She went up the stairs, and I followed, after having fastened the horses securely, and did what I could toward fastening the windows.

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The room was utterly dark, save the dim light that came through the interstices like that through which she was looking.

I stood still a minute until my eyes should become accustomed to the darkness. In that gloom I suddenly felt her hand laid lightly upon mine, and she said, in a voice that revealed something of the excitement that was upon her also:

"They are in sight! There are a dozen of them, almost more! Are your pistols ready? Are you a good shot?"

"They say I am a good shot," I answered, thankfully, unable to resist laying my hand over hers for an instant. "You are imperious; you have pistols, also; let me caution you not to fire too quickly. Every shot must tell, or we are lost!" I said.

"You do not know me. I can be cool as the snow."

Her voice sounded calm enough now. I heard the click of her pistol as she held it up to the light.

A moment after she said:

"There's nothing I really fear now but that they will fire the building. It has been tried three times since the insurrection began, and each time a heavy shower has extinguished the flames. They have become superstitious about it."

"In that case we will fight our way through," I said, more coolly than I felt.

I could see her eyes gleam through the darkness.

"Yes, we will fight!" she exclaimed. "But the horses! We cannot leave them to such a fate!"

"We must first await our fate," I responded.

I was kneeling by the shutter and looking out. As the trees were all cleared from the grounds, at that direction, I could see the dim figures moving about. Five or six of the men had dismounted and were talking together, and I could see them looking toward the house and gesticulating earnestly.

As I looked, I was suddenly conscious of a light within the room. I turned, and saw that my companion had kindled a small wax candle, which she shaded heavily, placing it in a corner of the room.

"They cannot see it," she said, in explanation; "and we must have some light by which to load our pistols. What are they doing?"

"Nothing but talking. Perhaps, after all, they will only encamp awhile in some of the lower rooms. If we are quiet, we may not be disturbed."

"You do not know them," was the answer.

And I saw the smooth brow wrinkle itself into a frown, and the mouth grow stern and set.

Just then, a long, shrill neigh sounded on the air—the voice of Nox. I started, and uttered a violent exclamation.

Beadicea was now standing close to me, and, by the flickering light I saw her bosom heave rapidly, though her face was calm and pale.

"Now we know they will explore the house," she whispered. "The sooner the better! This expectation weakens me."

She did not look weak. As for me, I felt the strength of a dozen men in me. Had I not this woman to defend—this woman whom I had never seen until to-night, yet whom I could not forget?

Again I looked out. They were no longer talking. They had all dismounted, and were coming toward the house, yet cautiously, as if fearing an ambushed fire.

The drawing-room, where the horses were, was on the ground floor. I knew as well that, if they were taken, there was hardly a chance that we could ever reach the city, on foot, beneath a burning sun, so many miles away.

"Can they be brought up the stairs?" I asked abruptly.

"I believe so. But in there time?"

There was anxiety in her voice; but she did not try to dissuade me. The next minute I was down the stairs, while she stood guard above.

The starlight and the brilliant heavens made the long drawing-room quite light when I reached it. I had no time to hesitate. If the horses held back any, I could not save them.

I took Nox by his bridle, for he was the strongest, and, if only one could be saved, he could carry double. The splendid fellow seemed to know it all. He climbed the stairs as carefully as if he really understood the words I murmured to him.

Beadicea dared not leave her post; but she stirred, by a gesture, how thankful she was that I had succeeded thus far.

In another moment, I was down again. This time, as I reached the last stair, I thought I saw a figure within a few feet of the window. But I dared not pause. Was it a shadow?

My arm was over the neck of the white mare. She had walked two or three steps with me, when the report of a pistol from the room above sounded sharp on the still air. I looked toward the low window just in time to see a form stagger away from it, and I heard a faint moan as of one who had received a terrible wound.

Not a minute more before I was upstairs, and both horses were with us.

The girl came to me with wide dilated eyes.

"You are not hurt?" she exclaimed under her breath.

"Thanks to you—no!" I said, fervently.

"I saw him aim at you—I almost thought he fired at the same moment I did," she said, and she shivered as she spoke.

There was no time for more words. I fastened the horses, and we both stationed ourselves at the windows, neither speaking, our eyes strained down upon the yard below.

I noticed that the shutter where she knelt swung loosely. It was fast when I had gone down-stairs.

"You have opened the shutter!" I whispered.

"I was obliged to lean out to fire on that man," was the reply.

"How reckless! how horribly careless!" I exclaimed. "For God's sake don't expose your life like that again!"

She made an imperious gesture, but said nothing.

Evidently, from the silence outside, the party were considering whether or not the house was garrisoned by a force that could defend it; but common sense must have told them that, in this lonely place, of no military account, the Government troops would not be stationed, and as evidently they were confounded at finding any one in a place they had deemed entirely deserted.

The minutes passed thus—ten minutes, which seemed hours.

Then we both saw they were marching up regularly to the attack, and that they had decided upon taking the drawing-room windows first, hoping to capture the horses, of which the insurgents stood in such need.

I made out twenty of them, and, had I been less intoxicated with danger and excitement, my hopes of escape would have sunk to despair.

Knowing the fate this woman was by sides—that I was to fight for her as well as for myself—every drop of blood in me bounded, every nerve was tense with something akin to a wild pleasure.

"You see," she said. "They are coming as if marching to take a redoubt. There are many of them. Before they reach here, promise me one thing!"

"Tell me," I said, extending my hand to her, and clasping close the burning fingers she gave me.

"If there is no other way to prevent my falling into their hands, promise me that you will kill me yourself!"

I did not hesitate an instant. Looking at the face before me, I could but say, promptly and fervently:

"I promise!"

"Thanks! You have lifted a burden from my soul!"

We did not speak again for a long time, and then I said only:

"We must shoot as many as we can as they reach the window below us. Then trust to Providence to enable us to maintain our door barricaded. It's fast bolted now, and it's a heavy door, for a wonder."

She bowed in acquiescence. Then two long minutes passed. We had extinguished the candle, and noiselessly unbarred the shutters, so that we could remove them when the assailants were so near we could not see them from our present position.

At the same instant both our shutters swung noiselessly back.

"Aim well! Fire!" I whispered.

We leaned out. In that awful moment I learned that this woman was as good a shot as I was myself, and I was not causelessly vain of my skill as a marksman.

We each of us held six-barreled revolvers in our hands, and we fired the twelve shots with such rapidity that it might have been well-thought there were half a dozen of us at least.

"Cease firing!" I cried, in the sonorous Government Spanish that would go far toward deceiving the rebels into the belief that a party of soldiers were sheltered beneath the roof. "Cease firing! Lieutenant take twenty of your men down to the north wing of the house, to guard the ammunition there!"

Fortunately for me, the horses made a great clatter just after my command, and I hoped the noise might be taken for the movements of heavily-booted men.

Our unexpectedly heavy fire had disconcerted and confused the men. They fell back pell-mell, and a howl of groans and curses came up on the soft air. Even with the hasty aim we had been obliged to take, it was impossible but we should have hit several of them; but neither of us dared to look down to count the wounded or the dead. I think both of us felt more hopeful after that first round, and when we heard the fragmentary words from our enemies:

"Ten thousand curses! There's a regiment there! St. Diego! We will pay them! At those windows! Fire it!

Then was a voice of authority. We had barely time to fling ourselves prone upon the floor, when the bullets hurtled over our heads, and went thud into the walls.

The horses were fastened beyond the range of the window, but they moved uneasily, and neighed again.

Then an utter silence for awhile—a silence that seemed palpitating, after such a noise.

It would have been easy enough for them to have decided what move to make next had they known what force was in the house. Fortunately for us, they did not know.

As the minutes went by in silence, the exhilaration we felt after our first round gave place to an almost unbearable anxiety.

We could see nothing—hear nothing. So long a time passed, that a hope sprung up, and grew stronger every minute as the silence continued—a hope that they had given up the attack and gone away.

Beadicea now saw that look in my face, and she shook her head, and said:

"Do not hope yet. Those men are infuriated by years of wrong. Do you expect them to leave us now?"

Heavily the minutes still went on. At last something happened. I was leaning my head on my hand, after a prolonged look out of doors, when I felt a soft hand on my arm, and fragrant, panting breath swept my cheek.

"It is as I feared," whispered the girl. "What shall save us now?"

I glanced out of the window—it was still quiet. I looked inquiringly at her.

"I see nothing," I said.

Her hand tightened its clasp.

"I can smell the smoke!" she said. "They have set the house on fire! The sky is cloudless. There will be no rain this time!"

CHAPTER II.

A STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.

I cannot describe the horror that came over me at her words. I had thought to fight until we died—died in the battle—but this was too dreadful.

"They are not men—they are beasts!" I cried. "Surely they would not burn us alive!"

The fumes of the smoke now came strongly on the air. The horses raised their heads and snuffed suspiciously.

"Stay here a moment!" I exclaimed. "I must go and reconnoitre."

She looked as if she would gladly have gone with me, but she said nothing; and I went down the stairs and through the house to the place whence came the smell of burning wood.

They had entered the house and built a fire in the room to the left of the drawing-room. I crept forward and peeped through a crack in the dismantled wall that separated the rooms from each other. A hope had entered my mind—a hope that, if well founded, might lead to safety.

Were they all there? Had they left the other parts of the house unguarded?

There were a dozen of them, at least, clustering near the door prepared to go when the flames had surely begun their work.

"No shower this time!" I heard one say, with a fierce oath. "The old place *can* burn after all!"

"Yes! and every rat of a Spaniard there is in it!"

I did not stay to hear more; I ran back as stealthily and swiftly as I had come. I knew of but one way.

Panting, I reached the room where I had left Beadicea.

"I am going to attack them!" I said, boldly. "They have no idea how many we are. While I take their attention, you must get the horses down and out the drawing-room window. I am quite sure that every one who is not disabled is at the other side of the house. They are not regulars, you see. They have no idea but to plunder, or they would not have left any place unguarded."

I turned to go down. She came to my side, and her voice was slightly tremulous as she said:

"But you—you will be in great danger!"

"Do I care for that?" I exclaimed, impetuously. "If I only knew that you were not in danger! But your work is as perilous as mine. Can you do it?"

"I can try," she said, firmly. "But I do not believe I can save but one horse. In that case, it must be yours, because yours is the more powerful."

"Yes."

I heard the pathetic cadence in her voice; I knew how she loved her beautiful white mare, that she had tended with her own hands for many days.

There was no time for words now. I could not even express the anxiety for her safety that was devouring me. I might never see her again. I could not resist the temptation to take her hand, and press it for one instant to my heavily-throbbing heart. I felt as if I had known her long. It was not possible that I had not yet been with her twenty-four hours!

"Perhaps it is farewell!" I said, and, through the sultry dusk, our eyes met; then I was down the stairs, not daring to think of her.

If I had known the house better I might have taken a better position; but I had no time to explore, and I crouched down behind the wall, whose broken panels gave me a full view of the room where they were.

But I did not stay there. The fire was increasing so in volume that the men were preparing to leave. They had stayed to see that it began well—that it could not be easily extinguished.

Upstairs I went again; but this time I ran through two large chambers that were over the wing that had been set on fire. My blood seemed on fire in my veins, I longed to kill. I would have destroyed them all, and gloated over the destruction.

My two revolvers were loaded again. With one in each hand, I leaned out of the window which commanded a full view of door and windows through which they must make their exit.

The blaze made a lurid glare which showed their swart faces plainly to me, while it left me in the shadow.

They were coming out, pausing to look back at the fire. Still could see that some of them kept a watchful eye about, as if fearing an attack.

Never had man a better mark for his firing than I had then.

I heard—and prayed God that she might be successful! I heard the sound of horses' feet, the other side the house.

Would she reach that clump of heavy greenery, a mile away to the south, where she was to await me?

Hopes and fears ran a wild gallop in my mind.

The men below had fancied they heard a sound also. Three of them turned toward that direction. Now was my time. Kneeling by the open window, I aimed at the two foremost ones, and discharged both my pistols at once. The two men fell, disabled, at least. As we had done at our first fire, so now, before a moment had passed to enable them to determine from whence came the shots, I fired all my barrels save one, reserving that for the extreme of danger.

Drawing myself flat again, I loaded my pistols as quick as I could.

Cries of surprise and pain, mingled with the crackling of the flames, that were growing dangerously higher now.

A volley of shots came at my window; then a voice shouted, in dreadful rage:

"Curse you! why do you waste your shots like that? Let them rest! There's only two or three there, at the most. Let's see them get out—that's all!"

By this time I knew that Beadicea must have left the building, and I was tolerably certain that all the marauders were this side. I breathed freer, though my position, if I could have thought seriously of it, was getting almost hopeless.

I had determined to keep me in the burning house.

If only I was positive that she was out of it!

But I must fire at them while I could. When I made my final rush from the place, it would be well to have as few foes to struggle with as possible.

They were retreating fast. I had but little chance to hit any, but I fired twice more, taking careful aim.

It was too far! The tide of our success had turned. A defiant laugh was all that answered me. And yet we must have wounded many of them, for, as nearly as I could count, there seemed but seven who fell back to watch the flames and to be out of my range.

Those seven might have found Beadicea. The thought was absolute torture to me. But I had heard no shot. She would not have surrendered without a struggle, and, unless she had fired at the very moment of my firing, I should have heard the report.

Then a consolation had just come to me, when, softened by a short distance, but unmistakable and clear, came the sound of her pistol. I knew the sound from that of the other pieces.

I waited for nothing. I only knew that she was attacked—that she was alone, and against so many.

But I still had a little sense of caution left in my mind. I knew that they were waiting for the inmates of the burning house to try to escape of that they meant we should but fly from one death to another. Thus, the side of the building that was in flames was the least guarded. If I could but boldly dash through, and make a detour to where I hoped to meet Beadicea!

I went down to the lower floor. Instantly I saw it was useless to try such a thing. The leaping flames would have felled me senseless in a moment.

Again a shot. I was maddened. I sped on, and, in the next instant, a shout of demoniac victory told me that I had been seen. The balls fell about me. Why was I not hit? I ran, with all the speed I possessed, straight on toward where, in the flame-light, I saw a woman on a horse, that crouched and wheeled beneath its rider's skilful hand.

"Oh, God, why does she not ride away!"

That was the thought most full of poignant anguish. Nox was fleeter than any horse I had ever known.

"Ride! ride!" I shouted, as well as my impeded breath would allow me.

I could not know whether she heard me or not. She could make no sign. It seemed only by a miracle that she had not been captured. Only Nox's wonderful strength and alertness could have prevented it—and his rider's superb horsemanship. Evidently, the men disliked to fire on her, for they were attempting to catch the bridle and unseat her, I thought. I should gain her side. If only I were on that horse's back, I would defy them all.

An instant more, I was swinging my sword toward the man who had just made a clutch at the bridle, when a furiously-given blow, from behind, made me stagger back, and my brain whirled with the blow.

I was conscious that the two men who were striving to catch Nox turned at the shout which my assailant had given, and spurred toward me, leaving Beadicea free for a moment.

Oh, why did she not ride for her life!

I knew that consciousness was leaving me, and I knew that I must struggle with all my strength to retain it.

Before sight had left my eyes I saw a knife shining above me, and I heard the words uttered vindictively:

"His life for all that he has taken!"

What else was there? In the fearful fight, a pallid woman's face, with shining eyes, came to my vision. Was it lightning, or the flash of a pistol? Was it the sound of fire-arms, or the crash of thunder? or was it all of these?

Then darkness—nothing.

CHAPTER III.

BOADICEA AND I.

How long after, I know not; but, when vision and life came to me, I saw the dense green of a broad-leaved tree above me, I felt the heavy pasterings of rain upon me.

I was alive, then! How quiet everything was! But the distant mutterings of thunder sounded far off; faint flashes of lightning went athwart the gloom.

But life had not fully come back to me, before, like a sharp pain, came the thought:

"Where is Beadicea?"

I moved my head slightly, trying to look about me. In response to that movement, a face bent down over mine, and a voice asked softly:

"You are better? You are not hurt badly?"

The thrill of ungovernable happiness that went through me from that without cause in reason—was the greeting my senses gave to that tone and that glance.

Then I knew it was Beadicea who supported my head. I tried to raise myself on my elbow, but my head was too weak. Everything swam again.

She had found the flask of brandy Don Miguel had given me, and she held it to my lips. The few drops I swallowed gave me strength.

In a moment I was able to sit up unsupported, though I was not eager to leave the arm that had held me so gently, yes so strongly. Everything was strange. The night had grown lighter.

I looked up and saw that heavy clouds were driving across the heavens, and low down was the yellow moon in a space of deep-blue sky. I could not see the house. I saw no lurid light—I heard no crackling of burning timbers.

"Tell me!" I murmured, at last, looking back to Beadicea, who had followed my glance.

"I will tell you nothing, only that it did rain—terrifically. None of those men noticed the coming of the tempest. It burst in fury at the very moment you fell. They were superstitious—and, in truth, it has been a fearful time! They fancied heaven itself protected that house. We had wounded many. They fled suddenly, and left us victors.

There was silence for a little time. I was thinking of the face that had come to my sight as I had lost knowledge of all things.

"There was a knife raised above me," I said. "Why did it not descend?"

"I had the good luck to avert the stroke," she answered.

"At such a risk!" I exclaimed, leaning forward and clasping her hand.

An expression of pain went over her face as I touched that hand. An alarm I could not have felt for myself came to me, making my heart tremble and stop for an instant; and in that fear was something very sweet.

I let her hand fall. I rose to a sitting position and looked eagerly at her.

"You are hurt! and for me?" I cried. "Oh, why did you not go when you could?"

"I am only hurt a little," she said. "Did you think I could desert a comrade? What an idea you must have or me?"

The light tone, the smile, did not wholly conceal the pain she was suffering. Vivid and rational ideas now came to me.

I rose to my feet, though my head was light and unsteady, for a moment, as I did.

"Why did you not leave me and find shelter?" I cried, angrily. "Is it suicide for you to have been sitting here in this dampness! Your clothes are wet! Let me take you away! We can surely find a shelter somewhere near."

She was leaning back against the tree, and in the moonlight I fancied I saw a painful languor on her face.

"The house may again receive us," she said, in a low voice. "You know the rain extinguished the fire."

I looked about me. Now I saw that we were near the house—that Nox stood quietly, under the shelter of a tree, close by.

"Can you walk?" I asked, extending my hand to her.

She did not reply, save by taking my hand and rising. Evidently the strain that had been upon mind and body was beginning to tell in the reaction, and I did not know how badly she was wounded.

We walked toward the house; it was but a little way, for I was under the shadow of the nearest tree. We did not speak a word as we went. The wing of the mansion was a blackened ruin, but fortunately the main body had escaped; the drawing-room was uninjured, and I knew that Beadicea's thoughts were upon her horse.

She raised her voice and spoke, and a low whinny answered her. The woman's face melted at that, and tears gathered and fell.

Neither of us spoke until we were within the house, and I had made her lie down on a couch in one of the rooms. I hunted for match and candle, and at last found them.

Every moment but increased my alarm and anxiety. I must know how badly she was hurt. I knelt down by her side, as she lay there with her eyes half closed. She looked at me, and smiled deprecatingly.

"You see," she said, "that I am but a woman, after all, with woman's nerves, that will become unstrung. I confess that I feel at this moment on the very brink of hysterics."

"In consideration that you have saved my life," I said, "I believe I can pardon you if you yield."

"But I have no sal volatile," she responded, with a slight motion of her left hand. "Do you not see that I am helpless, Senor?"

I cannot tell what a charm there was in that sort of desperate lightness of manner, which I knew concealed a piercing pain—a physical pain that was very hard to bear.

And I saw that she had told the truth—that, if she yielded but one particle, she would become hysterical.

"Your left hand is hurt, too," I said. "Let me look at your arm. Now we have a light. I see that your sleeve is drenched in blood—that it drips from your wrist. Let me see it."

I spoke imperatively, and she extended her hand, saying:

"If you will bind it up tightly, I think 'twill do very well."

With my knife I cut open the clinging sleeve. The white, beautiful arm, so stained with blood, seared on my hand. Just above the elbow I saw where the bullet had been—clear through the flesh, and out again, leaving an ugly hole. But I was glad the bullet was out. If it had not been that she was so wet and chilled, I should not have feared the fever that I dreaded now.

But I did fear it now, with an intensity of alarm that I strove in vain to suppress, and which made me tremble as I carefully and tightly bound up the wound.

She was lying back, with her eyes closed, and she seemed as if yielding to a kind of stupor, and every few minutes she shivered, as if with uncomfortable cold.

There must be some kind of clothing left in the house—everything could not have been taken.

"Senora," I said, loudly, as if wakening one from a sleep—"Senora, I beg you will tell me where I may find some kind of clothing. 'Twill save time if I know where to look."

A gesture, pointing to the next room.

"All there is in there," she said, faintly.

The next minute I was rummaging among a pile of cast-off clothes, lying in a corner in the next room.

I brought an armful, and put them down by her.

"I command you to put some of these on immediately," I said. "I fear more for your wet dress than for your wound."

She roused herself, as if to obey, and, as I was leaving the room, she said:

"And you? You must do the same."

"Yes."

I left her, and succeeded in finding a pair of wide, white trowsers, and a gay-colored vest that must have belonged to a servant. Coat I could not find, and I thought myself in a shell. In spite of the warmth of the night, I was chilly, and felt a nervous inclination to shiver, not merely from the cold.

Half an hour later I knocked at Beadicea's door. No answer came, and I ventured to open the door. She had taken off her wet dress, and was lying wrapped up closely, her head turned from me.

Thinking she was asleep, I advanced silently, thinking I would sit down and watch there, knowing that I could not sleep anywhere.

She stirred uneasily, and spoke with piercing entreaty:

"Do not use your power! Be generous! You wish me to love you, do you?"

She moaned piteously as she ceased speaking. I could not help it—I knew that her words or her life were nothing to me—but it seemed as if a sharp sword had suddenly pierced me.

I stood still a moment, undecided whether to go or stay. How well I remembered those words in the after time, when something of their meaning was plain to me!

Well was it for both of us that we did not know what awaited us. Could we have foreseen all the agony unutterable, should we have trod on in the path we had entered?

I was turning to go out, thinking I would sit down in the next room, when she moved, turned her face toward me, and smiled as she saw my strange costume.

"I must have been asleep," she said, as I bent over her. "Is there a norther blowing? It is fearfully cold."

She shivered convulsively as she spoke. I piled all the heterogeneous clothes I could find upon her.

"It is a sultry night," I said; "but you have taken cold."

I touched her head. It was burning and throbbing. Her large and dilated eyes met mine, and in them was such an unconsciously appealing look that I felt my face suddenly flush, my lips tremble with something more than mere sympathy.

Did she guess the power she had over me? the fires as strong as it was sudden?

The helpless languor that was now upon her appealed dangerously to me. Could I be cold with this woman, who has just saved my life at the risk of her own, and whose face and presence gave me henceforth a different idea of all women? I had believed them shallow and affected—animated only by vanity or a desire of conquest. Now—well, there could be no woman like this woman.

I took her hand and put my fingers on her wrist. The hand was icy, but the pulse bounded furiously. How helpless I was. What could I do?

Nothing but watch and wait, which is hardest for all for youth—so terribly hard when illness strikes on so rapidly.

I took some towels and went into another part of the house, where I at last found some water. Then I kept wet cloths upon her forehead, and she would fall into fitful slumber, waking suddenly and looking wildly about her.

In vain I longed for some one to help her—for the medicines, the comforts, she might have had in another place. I did not dare to leave her. It was many miles to any town. There was nothing to do but the little I was doing. I did not dare to give her brandy; it would so increase the fever.

When the night had turned—when the early gray of morning came faintly into the sky—I noticed that she slept more soundly—that her breathing came softly, and a slight moisture gathered on her face. I was physician enough to know that she was better, and I thought that the strong constitution she evidently possessed would bring her safely through what would have prostrated many women.

She moved uneasily in her sleep, and threw her arm from beneath the clothes. The movement seemed all that was needed to dislodge a locket from its fastening, and it fell to the floor, opening as it fell.

I stooped, and took it in my hand, looking at the miniature that was so disclosed. As I looked, a thrill of unconscious and angry blood rose to my face. I felt that my eyes burned with the fiery thoughts that thronged confusedly to me.

Yet why should she not wear any man's face thus pictured? For it was a man's face—handsome, dark, haughty—but to my eyes there seemed a look of hardness and treachery there. But I could hardly be an unbiassed judge.

I raised my glance from the miniature, and was somewhat confused to find that her eyes, wakeful and sane, were upon me.

"I must have broken the chain last night," she said, calmly extending her hand.

I placed the locket in her hand and turned abruptly away, curaing myself for the wild rush of jealous feeling which came to my heart, overpowering everything else at that moment.

What an idiot she must think me! That thought helped to bring back my composure.

After a few moments, I turned from the window as she spoke, and extended my hand, and said:

"I need not ask if you are better?"

She beckoned me to her, and, when I stood by her couch, she extended her left hand—the only one she could now use—and, while I took it in a grasp I strove to render indifferent, she said:

"Yes; I shall be well in a few hours—excepting my arm," she said. "But you have suffered all night. You have not slept—you have watched by me, Senor. It was wrong for you to do so. You needed rest—you have displeased me."

I was holding her hand; I was looking down into her eyes, that were humid and languor; I felt the soft fingers tremble with weakness as they lay in my palm. What could I do? I was not stone, that could not feel. I was a man who had awakened for the first time to all the intoxicating subtleties of passion, and I was a man not used to having my will thwarted.

"I could not have slept had I had the most tempting of beds," I said. "You have been ill enough to make one more careless than I unhappy. I had no choice but to watch you."

"I hope I did not talk in my sleep," she said, with apparent carelessness.

"If you did, your words were unintelligible," I replied.

She looked so relieved that my suspicions grew keenly.

I had dropped her hand, unable to stay thus near her, and I now walked toward the door. With my hand on the latch, I turned and said:

"Now that you are no longer in need of an attendant, I will go. The horses have been wandering pitifully for an hour."

I closed the door between us, and went down and did what I could for the animals. I found some fodder, and gave it to them. I brought them pails of water, and I did it all without really knowing what I was doing. And yet I was not distinctly thinking of the girl up stairs. I was, as it were, possessed by her, and I tried in vain to shake off that feeling.

I was yet to learn that other men had felt her presence thus—that others had bowed with hopeless passion before that face—hearing that voice, so suggestive of its owner's power of ardent love, dissimulation, allures.

After awhile I came to think that the very fact that she did not love, while face, and voice, and presence, so hinted at the wordless sweetness and force of what her love would be when roused, that that very fact was a greater charm than any beauty could have been.

A pure Cleopatra, with Cleopatra's capability of passionate devotion. Who should be her Antony? Who had been her enemy? Had she loved that man whose portrait she wore? Something there had been of deep unhappiness in her life—that much I felt sure of.

All this I felt rather than thought as I ministered to the comfort of the animals which were to take us on our perilous journey.

When I saw that they were quietly feeding, I threw myself on the floor near where they stood, and the terrible scenes through which I had just been made exhaustion come with overpowering touch upon me.

With my head on my arm I instantly fell asleep.

How long I had been asleep I do not know, but I was awakened by a violent movement of one of the horses.

I started up and gazed confusedly around me, not knowing at first where I was. What had happened? The first rays of the rising sun were shining on the rain-wet trees that stood within view of the low windows. I had not slept long then.

I was sitting on the floor, looking vacuely about me, and feeling stiff and uncomfortable, for the morning air was chilly. I made a motion to rise to my feet, when I found that my ankles were tied together.

"What in the devil is this?" I exclaimed, aloud, and I staggered up to my feet, my first thought of Beadicea.

Was that a tangible form in the far, dim corner of the great apartment? Had I awakened in time to prevent some hideous crime? Apparently I had awakened in time to prevent my hands from being pinioned, as my feet were already.

In the next moment I had recovered sufficient presence of mind to draw my knife from my pocket, and to sever the cord that held my feet together.

With my sword in my hand, I went quickly toward the dark object. It seemed an inanimate strange object, that had no resemblance to humanity.

"Mercy, Senor, mercy!" it cried, as I came near. The voice was shrill and disagreeable.

I did not know what to do. While I was standing irresolute, the thing said, in its quavering tones:

"The Senora Beadicea! Where is she? What infernal luck has made you two pass the night here?"

I was startled out of all composure. It should not speak her name; it should not insinuate vilely. What glimpse of a miserable mystery had I touched upon?

I sprung forward and seized the thing, jerking it violently forward into the daylight. Then I started back with an exclamation of horror, for the face and form before me made me shudder with such a profound repugnance that I could not think to control its expression. And those loathsome lips had spoken Beadicea's name—that being evidently knew more of her than I did myself.

"What in the name of Satan are you?" I cried, letting go my hold and involuntarily shaking my hand, as if it had been soiled by the touch.

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